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\$7.4M Merrill Lynch settlement OK'd

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REPORTER

A federal judge approved on Friday the \$7.4 million that the NMI Retirement Fund's former investment consultant, Merrill Lynch, has agreed to pay the Fund. Although it admits no wrongdoing, Merrill Lynch's payment stems from a lawsuit filed against it for the drastic drop in the value of the Fund's investment portfolio.

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DPL: Bid at your own risk

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REPORTER

The Department of Public Lands has detailed a request for bids for lands currently held by Mariana Resort and Spa in Marpi that notes the "perceived right" of the hotel owners for an extended lease, and a requirement that bidders must have plans to use existing facilities and

retain its employees.

"In the interest of full disclosure, Kan Pacific Saipan, Ltd., whose lease expires on April 30, 2018, has asserted a perceived right to renew its lease for an additional 40 year period," DPL states in its request for proposal package.

However, DPL states they dispute this interpretation of the present lease.

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Best Sunshine International, Ltd.'s temporary casino meets its required 65-to-35 percent U.S. citizen-to-foreign worker ratio set by its exclusive casino license agreement last year, according to Saipan casino regulators.

At the same time, regulators said that
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The corporate social responsibility team of Best Sunshine International, Ltd., along with the media, was given a sneak peek of the archaeological objects that were excavated from their Garapan site. The artifacts are stored in an air-conditioned warehouse in Lower Base.

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A sneak peek at
archaeological finds

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Best Sunshine International, Ltd. gave some of its employees and the media on Friday a sneak peek at the archaeological artifacts that have been unearthed at their site in Garapan.

BSI counsel Viola Alepuyo and chief services officer Tao Xing gave a tour of the warehouse they are leasing in Lower Base to store all the artifacts and objects that may have historical significance to the people of the CNMI.

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Local

Salaries eyed for CHC nurses instead of hourly wages

The nursing units of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. are discussing among themselves the best way to implement a proposed pay adjustment that may be enforced starting next month.

According to CHCC director of nursing Leslie Camacho, they don't have the actual rates yet but the adjustment may be in the form of converting nurses into salaried personnel instead of per-hour employees. That means a fixed monthly rate that is exempt from overtime.

"With this increase, according to the CEO, they will be exempt from the [Fair Labor

Standards Act]. They will no longer be making overtime," Camacho told *Saipan Tribune* last week. "The proposal is they're going to be salaried so it will be the set amount."

Camacho said she was scheduled to meet last Friday with the nursing units to consolidate their ideas and then present them to chief executive officer Esther Muñoz.

"We don't have the actual rates. What we're doing right now—and I'm meeting with head nurses and supervisors—is go back to their units and discuss this proposal for an increase in

salary of their staff nurses and come up with, amongst their units, what they feel is appropriate," Camacho said.

She said the nurses right now are clocking in and are paid from \$11 and above per hour, depending on their unit.

She added that the salary should be able to compensate the nurses for extra hours that they might be needed for work.

"My question to the CEO during that meeting was, will this salary increase be able to compensate them for that extra time that they're staying late?" Camacho said.

She said the pay adjustment would be a big help to the nurses and that a lot of them are looking forward to it.

"I think it would help a lot. I'm hoping that it will compensate for that extra time that they do stay late. There are days when there is no choice—nurses are out sick, other nurses have to work extra hours," Camacho said.

"The staff nurses definitely will feel the increase, especially since they lost their housing, I think it was last year. So I think having this increase will hopefully compensate for that loss," she added. (Frauleine Villanueva-Dizon)

Woman in fraudulent marriage gets three years of probation

Norma F. Nekaifes was sentenced to three years probation for conspiring in two fraudulent marriages solely in order for two Chinese nationals to obtain green cards.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ordered Nekaifes last week to perform 100 hours of community service and pay a \$100 special assessment fee, among other conditions, during her probation.

Assistant U.S. attorney Russell Lorfing recommended a probation sentence for Nekaifes, citing her guilty plea and cooperation in the investigation and in the trial of a co-defendant.

Colin Thompson, the court-appointed counsel for Nekaifes, recommended the same sentence.

Nekaifes, 29, pleaded guilty to a count of conspiracy to defraud the United States.

As part of the plea deal, the U.S. government agreed to drop the remaining count of marriage fraud against Nekaifes upon sentencing. Manglona granted the motion.

The other defendants in the case are Qiong Lu Pua, Zhengqiang Lu, and Baoqin Ding.

According to the factual basis of the plea agreement, from June 2010 through July 2011, Nekaifes, Pua, Benigno Mettao, and others agreed to deceive U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services by arranging fraudulent marriages for the purpose of defrauding USCIS.

The object of the conspiracy was to get USCIS to believe that Nekaifes and Mettao had

entered into legitimate marriages, so that their foreign national spouses could receive immigration benefits.

To further the deception that Mettao was legitimately married to Ding, Nekaifes and Pua took staged photographs of Mettao and Ding at various places around Saipan on Dec. 9, 2010.

On Dec. 9, 2010, Nekaifes attended the marriage of Mettao and Ding and signed the marriage certificate as a witness to the ceremony.

At the time of the ceremony, Nekaifes and Mettao actually held themselves out as common-law married to one another.

On May 16, 2011, Nekaifes married Lu for the purpose of deceiving USCIS.

On July 18, 2011, Nekaifes submitted a Form I-130 wherein she petitioned USCIS to award immigration benefits to Lu.

Last March 17, federal agents arrested the 27-year-old Mettao after he was charged with one count of false statement in connection with his alleged fraudulent marriage with Ding.

Mettao pleaded guilty to providing a false statement to USCIS. Last October, he was slapped with a three-year probation sentence.

Last July, Mettao and Nekaifes were among the witnesses the U.S. government called to the witness stand in the jury trial of Pua. Pua was found guilty and is awaiting sentencing. Defendants Lu and Ding are believed to be currently residing in China. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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IN IMPLEMENTING ALCOHOL, TOBACCO LAWS

'It's not personal, it's the law'



ABTC Officer John Hosono speaks to retailers on the repercussions of not following the law and how to properly check for identification. Chinese and Korean translators look on.

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The Department of Commerce's Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Control Division, in partnership with the Community Guidance Center, spoke to over 80 businesses on the serious repercussions of alcohol and tobacco sales to minors during the 2015 Alcohol & Tobacco Merchant Education Workshop last Friday.

ABTC director David Maratita and CGC director Nadine Sablan said their agencies have been working collaboratively to reduce the use of alcohol and tobacco products by the youth in the CNMI.

"As part of our efforts to combat the illegal sales of alcohol and tobacco products to minors, our team has been conducting public education and community awareness on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota," they said.

Although they've made progress in past years, bolder and innovative prevention strategies are needed, they said.

Presenters from the tobacco/diabetes prevention and control program as well as the substance abuse prevention program illustrated the dangers associated with substance abuse. "Tobacco is addictive and increases the risk for many diseases. Most individuals who become addicted begin smoking as teenagers. Today, even younger children are chewing betel nut with tobacco," they said, citing the Youth Risk Behavior Survey conducted by the Public School System.

In 2011 the survey found that 23.9 percent of high school students "had smoked 1 or more cigarettes... and 35.2 percent said they had used smokeless tobacco." Since then the percentage has been increasing to 65 percent of high school students having tried cigarette smoking in 2013 and 25.1 percent of middle school students and 31.2 percent of high school students having used tobacco for chewing.

The CGC shared that while there are many substance abuse treatment services available, the

best way to combat usage is tobacco and alcohol prevention focused on youth.

John Hosono of ABTC enumerated the many responsibilities retailers have in combating the issue of illegal alcohol and tobacco use.

"You can be penalized for providing tobacco products to minors and face up to \$1,000 in fines and one year in jail with 250 hours of community service," he said.

Many Chinese and Korean business owners who were in attendance participated in the workshop with the help of a translator. Hosono said this is another difficulty with combating alcohol and tobacco use by minors.

"I just want you to know that we are peace officers and when we come into your establishment, we just want to make sure you are following the law. If you are selling alcoholic beverages and tobacco, you are required to have the appropriate signage in front of your stores at all times. If we feel the need to further inspect your establishment, you have to comply, you cannot tell us to wait while you call your boss," he said.

Under Commonwealth Code, Chapter 5 Article 6 5591, inspectors have the right to inspect at all times, without notice, and with immediate access to every part of the premises, including examination of alcoholic beverages, records, transactions, surveillance, including the examination of the manner in which the store conducts business.

Hosono illustrated the misunderstanding of the law with foreign-owned businesses. "If a customer comes to your store and their birthday is three days later, you tell them to come back three days later. If a customer comes into your store to buy alcohol at 9:55pm, stands in line and by the time they make it to the counter it's 10pm and the transaction takes place just a minute after, if we catch you, that's already a \$1,000 fine," he said.

Penalties for all violators is a warning letter for the first of

fense, a \$500 fine for the second offense, license suspension for the third offense, and license re-

vocation for up to a year for the fourth offense.

Public Law 17-83, which pro-

hibits alcoholic beverage sales to minors, states that the first of

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REGULATOR

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Best Sunshine's luxury yacht—the *Grand Mariana*, which is stationed at the Port of Saipan—has been investigated and found compliant since it arrived this November.

Commonwealth Casino Commission executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero said they have sent a surveillance team to assure that there were no unlawful gaming activities aboard the yacht. Guerrero said that based on investigation and interviews with staff, no gaming activities or equipment were found aboard the vessel.

"There shall be no gaming activities allowed on the yacht," Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* last week. "None were found."

Edward Cabrera, manager of the commission's division of enforcement and investigation, said the commission should be

contacted if anything "fishy" or unlawful is suspected.

According to data from the commission—obtained through applications of key and casino employees—Best Sunshine has a total number of 590 employees. Of that number, 397—or 67 percent—are U.S. citizens, according to the commission; 193—or 33 percent—are non-U.S. citizens.

"Their current 67 percent U.S. citizen employees meet the agreed percentage," Guerrero said.

According to Guerrero, the projected costs of BSI's temporary gaming facility in T Galleria in Garapan is between \$25 million and \$40 million. That includes cost to renovate, machines, and hiring costs.

Guerrero said 590 employees have been hired, with as high as 700 employees estimated.

For their \$500-million casino resort in Garapan, BSI has projected a need for a minimum of

3,500 employees, or closer to 4,000, according to Guerrero.

Guerrero also said within the last two weeks they received their last visit from Gaming Laboratory International—the global industry leader for slot machine standards—and that all "45 gambling tables and 106 slot machines" on the casino floor have been "completely certified, audited" and assured compliant.

Best Sunshine and its casino service providers are required to have its slot machines or gaming devices meet GLI standards before shipment to Saipan, and upon installation at the T Galleria before they are commissioned.

"Every aspect of those machines from the function, to the random generator in the machines, to the network and configuration" have been inspected, said Ian Morrell, manager and systems administrator for information technology.

Essential employees

among others.

DPL says they will evaluate a package based on its completeness along the following criteria:

■ 40 percent on lease revenues to DPL. Additional consideration will be given to firms that propose to pay rent in excess of the minimum rates and the total dollars paid to DPL, the RFP states.

DPL is proposing to grant an initial 25-year lease to a successful bidder on a "triple net" basis, the RFP states. It adds that an additional 15 years is conditioned on the performance of the lessee.

DPL says bidders "must"—under a business development plan—includes a "plan to continue operating the existing facilities" and for "continuing the employment of personnel operating at existing facilities,"

reimbursement of costs, this leaves \$5.12 million in net proceeds that will go to the Settlement Fund.

Tydingco-Gatewood held the hearing via video teleconference from Guam because of a passing typhoon that prevented her from coming to Saipan.

At the hearing, Manglona, who argued via video teleconference in Guam, provided a brief background of the FINRA action settlement agreement and argued in support of Tang's motion.

Tang also gave a brief background of the FINRA action settlement deal.

Attorney General Edward Manibusan, counsel for Gov. Eloy S. Inos and the CNMI government, did not object to the \$7.4-million settlement.

In an interview after the hearing, attorney Michael Dotts said that Merrill Lynch is required to pay the \$7.4 million within 30 days after the court's approval.

Dotts is counsel for Mariano Taitano, Roman Tudela, and Patricia Guerrero in the original lawsuit against Merrill Lynch.

Dotts said the judge and Tang acknowledged that if not for the lawsuit filed by Taitano, Tudela, and Guerrero, they would not be in court and there would be no \$7.4 million for the Settlement Fund.

Guerrero also clarified an earlier report that the commission's employees have been classified as "essential"—via a bill that now sits with acting governor Ralph DLG Torres—before police officers and teachers. It's been the practice for the Executive Branch to develop "essential employee" lists during austerity or government shutdowns.

The 17th Legislature drafted two bills in both its chambers to finally mandate and define essential services, but these bills failed to either pass or leave committee, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

"All of revenue we are requesting is from the casino regulator fee. None of it comes from the general fund. So we are not competing, for example, with the police or the teachers," Guerrero said. "This is specific to industry that we regulate. Every penny that we spend here, with the exception of the \$1,000 that was appropriated by the Commonwealth government—every penny is coming

which includes proposed public benefits.

DPL says it will reserve the right to reject any or all proposals and to "waive any imperfection in any proposal" if it finds that to do so would be in the best interest of DPL and its beneficiaries.

The RFP states that the secretary of Public Lands, with input from a review committee constituting DPL staff, will make the final selection.

In the event the Top 2 most responsive and responsible proposals are similarly beneficial to DPL, both firms may be included on DPL's shortlist of candidates and interviews may be conducted with each firm to determine a final selection.

The deadline for bids is on May 27, 2016, by 4:30pm.

of action for damage relating to the decline in the Fund's assets.

The case was submitted to arbitration before FINRA.

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In the FINRA action, the Settlement Fund retained the Florida-based Levin law firm as lead counsel, while the O'Connor law firm on Saipan was the referral counsel. Dotts is a member of the O'Connor law firm. The Clay law firm in Hawaii was the associate counsel.

Of the \$1.8 million in attorney's fees, the Levin law firm will get \$1,340,625; the O'Connor law firm will receive \$357,500; and the Clay law firm will get \$89,375.

The Levin law firm agreed to reimburse Betty Johnson's counsel Bronster Hoshibata with \$50,000 for legal services and expenses incurred in the arbitration.

Of the \$390,535.60 in total costs, the Levin law firm will get \$338,616.93; the O'Connor law firm will receive \$30,897.24; and the Clay law firm will get \$21,021.43.

from the industry that we license," Guerrero said.

"In austerity, even if we had all the staff not working, it would not save the Commonwealth any money, because we are not getting our source from the general fund. We are getting it from—for all practical purposes—Best Sunshine."

He said if the government shuts down, the casino remains open and the commission has to have a presence.

"It's similar to emergency. Does the casino shut down on Typhoon Condition 2? No. In many cases since July...they were open a majority of the time. That's why we have to remain open."

Smoking concerns

There has been concern that the commission is not doing its job by not enforcing anti-smoking laws, as the Best Sunshine casino continues to exude second-hand smoke in an unenclosed facility that health officials have criticized as hazardous and in violation of the law.

Guerrero suggests that this question be directed to the Bureau of Environmental Health, as this does not fall under the commission's regulator purview.

SNEAK

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"If they do issue out a notice of violation, a cease and desist order, that may come under our purview," he said. "We'll get there when we cross that bridge. ...Until such time...we cannot be a participant in that process," Guerrero said.

Underage handling of alcohol

House Bill 19-95 also allows BSI employees under the age of 21 to serve and handle alcohol on the casino floor.

Guerrero said the request for this provision comes from the Northern Marianas College.

He said the college has reported a very large number of young citizens 18 and 20 who want an opportunity to work in the casino industry but because of the restrictions on the floor, they cannot do so because they are not 21 or older.

"That recommendation came from NMC, asking if it was possible to have a very large group of 20 and 18 to 20 years old," Guerrero said. "I think you are opening up an area of employment that would generally be prohibited to them, for folks to be gainfully employed," said Cabrera. "It's simply to allow them to serve alcohol in performance of that duty."

adding that representatives of the Historic Preservations Office and the CNMI Museum came down and looked at the bowl.

Alepuyo pointed out that this was not the way ancient burials were done. There were no clear explanations yet with regards to that finding, but it could be a good point of discussion for the whole community.

The site in Garapan where Best Sunshine plans to build its Grand Marianas casino resort is believed to be an ancient village and burial site and is said to be where the Spanish-Chamoru War happened.

Aside from archaeological finds, the dig also revealed a lot of buried bombs, the most significant of which was a Japanese sea mine that had to be detonated by a U.S. Navy Explosive Ordnance Detonation team from Guam.

BSI said their experts are currently continuing with their DNA testing, carbon dating, and other tests, but once they are done, they will be returning to the island to share their results.

"This site is of archeological significance," Alepuyo said.

She added that the community would be given a chance to provide input on what to do with the remains found on the site.

\$7.4M

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During Friday's hearing, U.S. District Court for the NMI designated Judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood said she carefully reviewed and considered CNMI Settlement Fund trustee Joyce C. H. Tang's motion to approve the agreement and the proposed settlement reached in the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority arbitration.

Tydingco-Gatewood said she had reviewed the factors that have been argued by Settlement Fund counsel Dean Manglona regarding the probability of the claim, the delay and expense of litigation to be incurred and the amount of the settlement.

The judge deemed the settlement to be adequate and reasonable, and that she would approve the settlement.

Tydingco-Gatewood said the terms of the deal and the settlement amount of \$7.35 million are fair, reasonable, and adequate, and in the best interests of all the class members in the Betty Johnson lawsuit.

She also found Tang's request for payment of \$1.84 million in attorney's fees and reimbursement of \$390,535.60 in costs is reasonable.

Minus the attorney's fees and

Despite entering into a settlement agreement, Merrill Lynch is not admitting to anything, Dotts said.

When asked how much his clients were actually asking for damages in the lawsuit, Dotts said their case was "a moving target" and they saw at that time a possibility of \$430 million in damages.

Dotts said in was believed in 2009 that the NMI Retirement Fund would be closed by 2011. If it was a total meltdown of the Retirement Fund, the damages would be \$430 million, and \$100 million if was a partial destruction, he said.

Dotts said both scenarios—total destruction or partial meltdown—did not happen.

He said his clients feel vindicated because too many people then were telling them that filing the lawsuit would just hurt the Fund as they have no case.

"The bottom line is we got \$5.2 million for the retirees," Dotts pointed out.

Merrill Lynch was the Retirement Fund's consultant until 2010. During the time of the consultancy relationship, the value of the Fund's assets reportedly declined substantially.

Taitano, Tudela, and Guerrero sued the Fund's board, Merrill Lynch, and others in Superior Court, alleging various causes

of action for damage relating to the decline in the Fund's assets.

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fense is a \$1,000 fine and 1-year imprisonment with community service, \$3,000 and three years imprisonment for the second offense, and \$5,000 fine and five years imprisonment for the third offense.

"Those under 21 cannot purchase, possess or consume alcoholic beverages. You must demand ID from all customers purchasing alcohol. There are

no exceptions," he said.

For stores, he said, the legal hours to sell alcohol is from 7am to 10pm and for bars it's 9am to 2am or up to 4am for a special class 7 license.

"It's nothing personal...it's the law, if there's no ID, there's no sale and if we catch you, you get fined," he said.

If you or any person has information of any illegal sales or any person aiding a minor to obtain, possess, or consume alcohol and tobacco products, contact 664-3065 or 323-6560.

FOR NOT PRODUCING DOCUMENTS IN OGUMORO'S CASE

Procurement, BMV threatened with contempt for failing to produce docs

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Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman has ordered the CNMI Office of Procurement and Supply and the Department of Public Safety's Bureau of Motor Vehicles to explain why they did not comply with a court order in connection with the corruption charges against former Department of Public Safety deputy commissioner Ambrosio T. Ogumoro.

As this developed, the Office of the Attorney General filed Thursday a second amended information charging the 57-year-old Ogumoro with eight counts relating to theft by deception, misconduct in public office, conspiracy to commit theft by deception, removal of government property, and theft by unlawful taking. The first amended information charged Ogumoro with 10 counts.

The second amended information charged Ogumoro's co-defendant, Herman M. Manglona, with conspiracy to commit theft by deception and receiving stolen property.

In separate orders on Thursday, Wiseman ordered Procurement and Supply and

BMV to appear in court today, Monday, at 10:30am.

Wiseman said he ordered Procurement and Supply and BMV last Nov. 6 to comply with Ogumoro's subpoenas for some documents on or before Nov. 18. Wiseman said he also ordered Procurement and Supply and BMV to file written objections on or before Nov. 16.

Wiseman said he did not receive any written objections.

The judge said Ogumoro stated on record that Procurement and Supply and BMV have yet to comply with his request for records.

Wiseman ordered Procurement and Supply director Herman S. Sablan to attend the hearing last Thursday and was notified of the court's intent to issue the order to show cause.

The jury trial of Ogumoro and Manglona will start on Dec. 7, 2015. Last week, the court dropped the charges against Ogumoro's co-defendant, Katherine Manglona, a former police officer.

Last April, then-chief prosecutor Leonardo Rapadas filed an information charging Ogumoro with 10 counts.

The original information also charged Katherine Man-

glona with conspiracy to commit theft by unlawful taking or disposition and theft by unlawful taking or disposition. Katherine Manglona is Ogumoro's girlfriend.

Herman Manglona was charged with conspiracy to commit theft by unlawful taking or disposition and receiving stolen property. Herman is brother of Katherine Manglona.

According to the allegations, Ogumoro brought a 1995 Toyota four-door Tercel that belonged to DPS to a shop to be repaired using DPS funds totaling \$2,500 in 2012 and then sold the vehicle as "scrap" for only \$50 to Herman Manglona.

Ogumoro and Katherine Manglona also allegedly instructed a DPS staff to bring a DPS desktop computer to a shop for repair using DPS funding in the amount of \$276. The computer was allegedly later used in the office at True North Bar & Grill, which is owned by Ogumoro.

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Life In Motion

Club 88 opens second e-gaming facility at Mariana Resort

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REPORTER

Club 88 opened to the public its second e-gaming facility on the northern side of the island at the Mariana Resort & Spa last Friday.

According to owner Victoria Scott, Mariana Resort is a good venue for this facility.

"There's not much to do on this side of the island after the sun goes down. So this is a nice place where people can come," Scott said. "Now they have another venue here."

Club 88 in Mariana Resort currently has 30 aristocratic slot machines and an electronic roulette with eight stations. Club manager Gus Noble said they will be bringing in a couple more.

"Being based on the resort, we're targeting the tourists.

With this type of facility, we're looking at being able to offer full entertainment alongside the restaurant," Noble said.

"We think Saipan needs a few places where people can have a good night out, have a bit of fun, a chance to win some money and enjoy some nice ambience, some food, some music," he added.

With the rise of e-gaming facilities and a casino on Saipan, Club 88 tries to differentiate itself through the quality of their service.

"We'd like to differentiate ourselves on a very strong customer service focus. We really want to be the leader in performing great customer service, great promotions, good games, big jackpots," Noble said.

When asked about their first club at the Oceanview Hotel in Garapan, Noble said they are



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very happy with it, especially with the clientele they have already established.

Mariana Resort sales and marketing manager Yuichi Kobayashi said the club is an added feature to their resort. "I think it's better for the hotel because we are far from Garapan, so we don't have much entertainment, especially at night time, for in-house guests so a gaming room will be very good."

"We will also have a shuttle bus to the Garapan area to bring customers here," he added.

The new Club 88 opened only a day after the Department of Public Lands released a re-

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quest for proposal for the Mariana Resort property.

Scott said they knew that the RFP's issuance was possible. "We knew when we came in that we will probably be gone in three years," she said.

Sharing her views on the land lease issue, Scott, who is from Palms Springs, California, where land is also owned and leased by the Agua Caliente Tribe and must be negotiated through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, said the situation on island is having an adverse affect on the tourism industry.

"[In Palms Spring] they never kick off people from the land. They renew their leases. And the nice thing about doing busi-

ness that way versus how they do it here is that the people are not afraid that they're going to lose their hotel or their restaurant or their houses, their condos, hospitals, everybody. So they're constantly improving," Scott said.

"If you have a house and you know that you're going to lose it in five years, you really wouldn't want to put much money in it, would you?" she said. "I think it adversely hurts the tourism industry here because there are about three or more hotels that are coming up and if this is the precedent, they are not going to fix up their hotels so I think it's going to hurt the tourism industry here."

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Because of the challenges Saipan has experienced in the aftermath of Typhoon Souledor, the CNMI Settlement Fund is offering the CNMI government a proposal to extend the repayment terms of the Judicial Building loan.

Settlement Fund trustee attorney Joyce C. H. Tang has informed Gov. Eloy S. Inos that the Judicial Building loan matured in March 2015, and the entire principal balance of \$4,503,660.86 is now due, together with accrued interest of \$80,501.89 calculated through Nov. 2, 2015.

This year, Tang said, the

Settlement Fund received a total of seven payments totaling \$704,931.19 from the NMI government starting from March 2015.

Tang discussed the Settlement Fund's proposal for extension of the loan's repayment plan in her letter to Inos last Nov. 2 and in her report that was filed last week in federal court.

Tang said Inos had asked at an earlier meeting if the loan could be refinanced. She said the Settlement Fund is willing to extend the repayment terms provided that the principal amount of \$4.5 million will be amortized over a 10-year period at the stated rate of interest under the note of 7.7 percent interest.

Tang said monthly payment should be \$52,014.55 and that the first payment will be due on Dec. 1, 2015.

Tang said the other condition is that the CNMI government should pay \$250,000 to be applied first to the outstanding accrued interest and then to the principal by no later than Dec. 1, 2015.

Tang said the other condition is that the federal court must approve the amendments to the loan.

Tang said upon reaching agreement on the terms, they will provide the amendment to the loan documents for the governor's review.

Tang said other than the Judiciary Building loan and North-

ern Marianas College debt, the CNMI government is current on all of its payment obligations to the Settlement Fund.

The CNMI government was allowed to secure a loan from the NMI Retirement Fund through a Judicial Building Financing Act of 1994 in order to build the Judicial Complex in Susupe. Construction began in 1995 and was completed in May 1998. The revenues generated by the Judiciary are the primary sources of repayment of the loan.

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DOL, SHEFA take a look at the workforce realities of NMI



Labor Secretary Edith Deleon Guerrero points to CNMI data on the number of employed individuals in the CNMI. SHEFA board members acknowledge the need for continued partnership and workforce transition during their meeting Thursday.

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CNMI Labor Secretary Edith DeLeon Guerrero presented workforce statistics gathered in the last five fiscal years to SHEFA board members to better illustrate the realities of the CNMI workforce and the role scholarship recipients will play when the foreign worker program is phased out in 2019.

During a SHEFA board meeting at the mayor's office Thursday, DeLeon Guerrero stated that the latest data reveals that there are a total of 12,826 blank job categories. What this represents, she said, is either an issue with information intake or an outright omission of information.

"[U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services] is fixing their system and we've been working very well together but so far only 1,744 foreign workers have known jobs. We don't know what the rest of them are doing," she said. "How can we expect to provide education and job training if we have 12,826 foreign workers and we don't know what they're doing?"

She also shared with the board the gradual reduction of CW allocations from fiscal year 2011 to 2016.

USCIS allocated a total of 22,417 foreign worker, or CW, slots in fiscal year 2011. Five years later, fiscal year 2016 allows for only 12,999 CW allocations, which is inclusive of H2B workers who are mostly in the construction trade.

"We have 800-plus H2B workers on Saipan alone. There's a great demand but a limited supply," she said.

Board chair Oscar Babauta expressed his sentiments on the issue saying, "We need to provide employment that can be availed by our citizens."

DeLeon Guerrero said the intent of the law is to provide employment and "not manpower services," referring to provisions of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 that extended U.S. immigration laws to the Commonwealth. That same law phases out the CNMI's foreign worker program by Dec. 31, 2019.

"Every employee is supposed to submit a quarterly listing of their employees to make sure they are in compliance. In regards to manpower agencies, essentially what's happening is that they're loaning the employment to other agencies but they cannot claim those workers on their listing

because it's only temporary," DeLeon Guerrero said.

DeLeon Guerrero said the minimum threshold for businesses is 30 percent full-time workforce that includes U.S. citizens, residents, and Freely Associated States citizens.

For example she said, "BSI's [Best Sunshine International Ltd.] threshold is 65 percent, which is compliant with the casino agreement, but employers must transition foreign workers out with U.S. workers. Meeting the 30 percent does not stop there," she said.

"When we are transforming the workforce system and the workforce of the CNMI, we also need to look at other state partners...in terms of the dependency syndrome that we are experiencing in the community, when we're pushing for greater employment opportunities but we have a community that is much more excited about sitting at home and just living on social welfare programs..." she said.

The reality of the Nutrition Assistance Program, she said, is that it's not supposed to make people dependent. "That's the reason why the federal government talks about state responsibility to plant the seed that [welfare] is something to be used to assist the family, not something you retire on. Food stamps won't buy you an education; it can only put food on the table. The point is, if you can qualify for [assistance] and work, then all the better for the family. But that's not what's happening and that's why we need to work together to plant the seeds of self-sufficiency," she said.

DeLeon Guerrero cited the 16.8 percent unemployment rate of the CNMI and the reality of NAP recipients foregoing employment for handouts, saying a total of 7,086 individuals were excused from work registration for various reasons.

Board members pointed out that some students return to the CNMI but aren't working in their field.

"The public sector is very generous and that's why we see people tipping that way instead of the private sector [despite their major]...so we have a huge gap," DeLeon Guerrero said.

Board members also talked about succession planning such as Japan's model of seniority. However, DeLeon Guerrero said the CNMI also lacks financial literacy.

"The investment in human capital is intangible," she said, and recognized the ongoing initiatives of the Workforce Investment Agency, semi-annual job fairs, the re-visit of NAP work registration requirements that are too lenient, and curriculum alignment at the Northern Marianas College, Northern Marianas Technical Institute, and Public School System to increase exposure of private sector industries.

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National Office Supply ordered to pay \$30K in back wages

The National Office Supply on Saipan has agreed to pay \$30,925 in back wages to nine employees after being found making illegal deductions on

the wages of employees, among other violations of federal labor laws, according to a U.S. Department of Labor news release.

According to the Labor state-

ment, Wage and Hour Division investigators found that National Office Supply deducted cash register shortages from cashiers' wages, resulting in

Man gets 16 months for illegal reentry into Guam

A 53-year-old citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia was sentenced on Nov. 16, 2015, to 16 months imprisonment after his felony conviction for illegal reentry after deportation.

The 16-month sentence against Kisaou Hallucky aka Sano Moses was handed down by Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood in the United States District Court of Guam. It includes a three-year supervised release term and represents the maximum recommended term of incarceration under the applicable U.S. Sentencing Commission Guidelines.

On June 11, 2015, Hallucky

pledged guilty to reentering the United States after having been deported. In March 2015, the Guam Police Department arrested a man identifying himself as Sano Moses for child abuse. Fingerprint analysis revealed that Moses was in fact Kisaou Hallucky, the same man who had been deported to Chuuk, FSM, in 1998 following a felony conviction in the Superior Court of Guam for aggravated assault. Subsequent investigation determined that Hallucky had used a fraudulently obtained FSM passport to reenter Guam in 2005 without the consent of the U.S. Attorney General or the

Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

At the sentencing, Tydingco-Gatewood ordered Hallucky to remain outside the United States once he is deported after completing his 16-month prison sentence.

This violation was discovered by the Guam Police Department. The federal case is the result of an investigation conducted by Special Agents with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Mohammad Khatib. (USAO)

their earnings falling below minimum wage, in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act. In addition, the employer failed to pay drivers for hours they were required to work transporting other employees, and failed to pay employees for their time worked after their scheduled shifts ended, resulting in overtime pay violations. The employer also failed to keep accurate records of hours worked.

"Other employers should take note of this investigation and what these violations could mean for their businesses. It's important that they know and

follow the law when it comes to making any deductions from wages, and counting and recording actual hours of work," said Terence Trotter, the director of the Wage and Hour Division's district office in Honolulu. "Employers can prevent these violations, which we see far too often, by educating themselves about these laws. The Wage and Hour Division offers a great deal of helpful resources for employers, and will remain vigilant in ensuring that workers are paid what they have rightfully earned."

The FLSA requires that covered, non-exempt employees be paid at least the federal minimum wage for the CNMI

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AmeriCorps program welcomes 30 new tutors



New AmeriCorps tutors from the island's public and private schools pose for a photo during their two-day pre-service orientation last weekend.

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The CNMI AmeriCorps program held its annual pre-service orientation for 30 new high school student tutors from the island's private and public schools last Saturday and Sunday at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan

The tutors, who are primarily seniors, will be teaching reading and writing to elementary and middle school students in eight schools across the island.

At the two-day training, the new tutors learned about the basics of teaching, student discipline, and the regulations of the AmeriCorps program. Participants also took part in various team building exercises and heard from a variety of guest speakers, including the Washington Conservation Corps, which is under the national AmeriCorps service program.

According to CNMI AmeriCorps director Victoria Nicholas, the new tutors cover areas of the western and central parts

» **Nicholas: Still in the process of recruiting**

Marianas High School senior Luigi Alonzo is excited about his new role as a tutor. "I look forward to an awesome year. I shall ensure that students do great and go home happy and proud to be students of AmeriCorps."

Hopwood Junior High School teacher and AmeriCorps site supervisor Jackie Jucutan told *Saipan Tribune* that many students under the program start out with little to no English language skills, affecting them in terms of their academic and social skills.

"By joining this program, our tutors can help them break those barriers and slowly transition into the basics of the complex English language. As far as experience goes, I am enjoying every minute of the program. The students are engaged and love the fact that they are not only involved in intense reading activities but also with outreach activities that extends to the community," she added.

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of Saipan. More tutors, she said, are needed for the eastern and northern Saipan schools. Nicholas said her office is working to recruit 15 more tutors for this school year.

Among other expectations, the tutors must complete 675 hours of tutoring, service learning, and community service in their academic year under the guidance of PSS site supervisors.

"This new group of student members are very high energy and truly motivated to make a difference in their service to the students, school communities where they serve and the island," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

"They have a level of enthusiasm and 'let's get this done' attitude that awes me! I am very excited this program year and am looking forward to a year of 'making a difference' and 'getting it done' with these new and exciting AmeriCorps student member tutors," she added.

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 **COMMUNITY BRIEFS**
Pineda graduates from basic training

U.S. Army Reserve Pvt. Jenny O. Pineda has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Jackson, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, Pineda studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises. Pineda is the daughter of Loida M. Olivar and Benjamin B. Pineda of Saipan. She is a 2015 graduate of Marianas High School. (PR)

Small craft advisory out

Moderate to fresh trade winds and combined seas of 8 to 10 feet will produce hazardous conditions for operators of small craft until 6pm today, Monday. A small craft advisory is now in effect until 6pm today. Fresh trade winds and combined seas of 8 to 10 feet are expected to produce hazardous conditions for operators of small craft. Highest seas are expected east of the islands. Winds and seas will slowly subside tonight and Tuesday. Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, are advised to avoid boating in these conditions. If travel by boat is necessary exercise caution especially near reef lines and when entering or leaving harbors and inlets. (EOC)

As Gonno green waste site closed down

This is to advise all Saipan residents that the As Gonno green waste site was closed down on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015. The Kagman green waste site shall remain open and will continue to accept vegetation waste, lumber and tin disposal as a result of Typhoon Soudelor. The DPW transfer station in Lower Base will also continue to accept tin and the Marpi landfill will accept vegetation waste and lumber. (PR)

Nepal group to do Tinian cleanup

Nepal Tinian Society Inc. is organizing an beach cleanup on Nov. 28, 2015, a Saturday, starting at 6am and covering the areas from the Office of the Mayor site to the San Jose Church, fiesta grounds, Kammer Beach, Tachogna, and Taga Beach. All organization members will participate in the

cleanup. Anyone who wants to join is welcome. (PR)

Military training at FDM, Warning Area 517

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Air

Force will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

- Nov. 23, from 1pm to 5pm
- Nov. 24-25, from 11am to

3pm

The U.S. Navy will conduct training at Warning Area 517 on Nov. 24, from 2:30pm to 5:30pm

The general public, especially

fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. W-517 is an irregular polygon comprising 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank. (PR)

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BSI, DPS to revive bike patrol program in Garapan

Best Sunshine International, Ltd. is working closely with the Commonwealth Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Public Safety to revamp the Tourism Oriented Policing Section, a bike patrol policing program credited with reduced crime rate in the Garapan area at the height of its operation.

Launched in early 2000 with the support of Duty Free Saipan, Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Marianas Visitors Authority, the decline of the TOPS operation was due to the inevitable wear and tear of the bikes and lack of funding for maintenance and procurement of new ones. It was reestablished around 2013 when the DPS commissioner assigned a facility in Lower MIHA to function as their main office, but still due to its limited fi-

nancial backing, some bike patrol officers had to purchase their own bikes and equipment for patrol use.

Furthermore, the activity of the police bike patrol program was hampered due to the damage caused by Typhoon Souledor to the container used for the bikes' storage. The 20-foot container flipped over from the wind's brutal force, resulting in the bikes being mangled and damaged, rendering most of them nonfunctional.

"During the storm, we secured all our equipment in the container; and when it flipped over, it damaged all that was in it. The heavy shelving fell on the bikes," said CBI detective Jesse Dubrall. "Components of the bikes are quite sensitive. The impact bent all the frames and broke all the components, pretty much damaging all the personal and police-issued



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TOPS bike officer Flora Aguon, with her patrol bike, routinely patrols downtown Garapan as part of the Department of Public Safety's TOPS Program.

bikes."

A consolidated effort between DPS, CBI, and Best Sunshine led by DPS Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero,

CBI commander Jeff Olopai, and BSI director for corporate social responsibility Rita Chong is underway to revive the flagging bike patrol pro-



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Damaged patrol bikes sit in a pile with other unusable equipment under the Tourism Oriented Policing Section of the Commonwealth Bureau of Investigation.

gram whose primary goal, according to DPS detective Flora Aguon, "is to prevent crime and to make the public feel secure in a safe environment, par-

ticularly the tourists. We want to make sure that tourists in particular are protected so that they don't go back home and say that Saipan is a dangerous place."

"The tourists really enjoy the bikes and UTVs. They take pictures of it and sometimes get on it because they don't have this type of police program back where they're from, and they enjoy the novelty of it," added Dubrall.

Chong said: "Visibility of patrol officers on bikes and UTVs will deter crime in the Garapan district and will be a model for succeeding programs in all the other villages throughout Saipan. Not only is TOPS successful in its mobility and access, this policing program makes DPS approachable and friendly."

"We would like to reach out to other organizations and corporate partners to donate and help out the Department of Public Safety's TOPS patrol program in reviving this policing service that has such an outstanding impact in crime prevention," Chong added.

Chong can be contacted through BSI Corporate Social Responsibility office at telephone number 588-6609. (BSI)



YOUTH'S ROLE IN TOURISM PROMOTION

The ongoing success of the MY WAVE Tourism Program, an umbrella program of the Marianas Tourism Education Council, continues to receive growing community support. On Thursday afternoon, Geri Delacruz, director of Corporate Social Responsibility at Best Sunshine International, Ltd., spoke to over 100 San Antonio Middle School 8th graders about the importance of tourism and their roles.

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KSKK DEPARTURE

Nine students from Saipan and three chaperones, shown here with Saipan Mayor David Apatang, left, will participate in the Kokusai Seiyounen Kensyu Kyokai educational and cultural trip in Japan from Nov. 13 to 18. According to Saipan Mayor's Office student cultural exchange program coordinator Yuki Kishimoto, the delegation will stay with their host families and at the National Youth Center. The students—Sieji Gonzales, Selina Taitano, Roderick Jarae Pierce, Genzo Gonzales, Yoo Jin Park, Emily An, Shizuka Takayama, Debby Siu, and Jonathan Wolf (the youngest student), range from sixth to 12th graders and are from Chacha Ocean View Middle School, Saipan Community School, Kagman High School, Mount Carmel School, Marianas High School, and Dandan Middle School.

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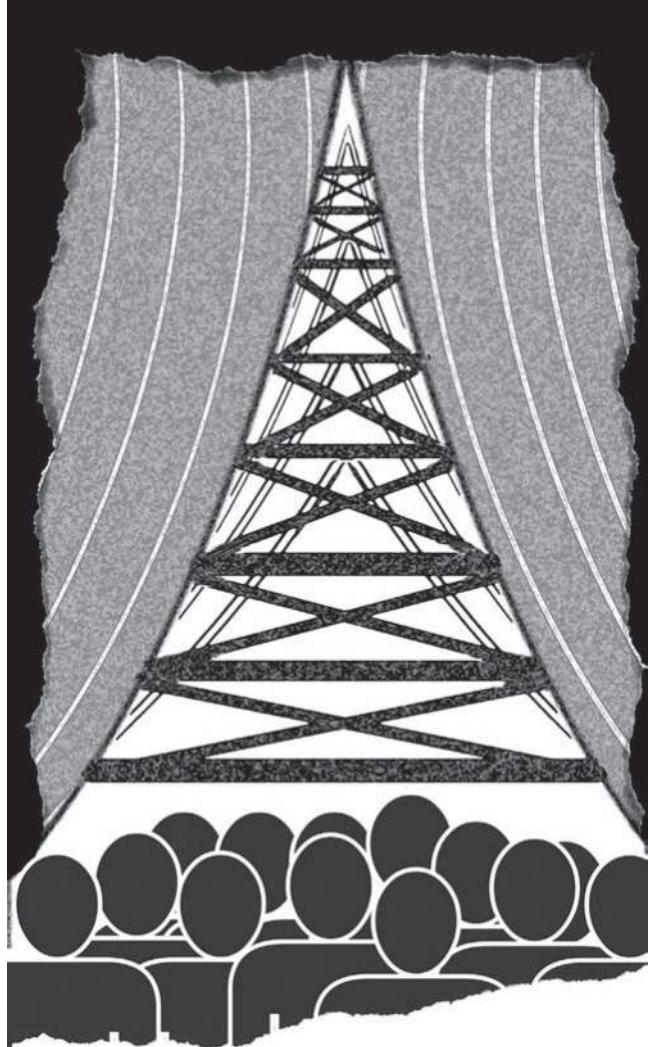
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Must we rank injustice?



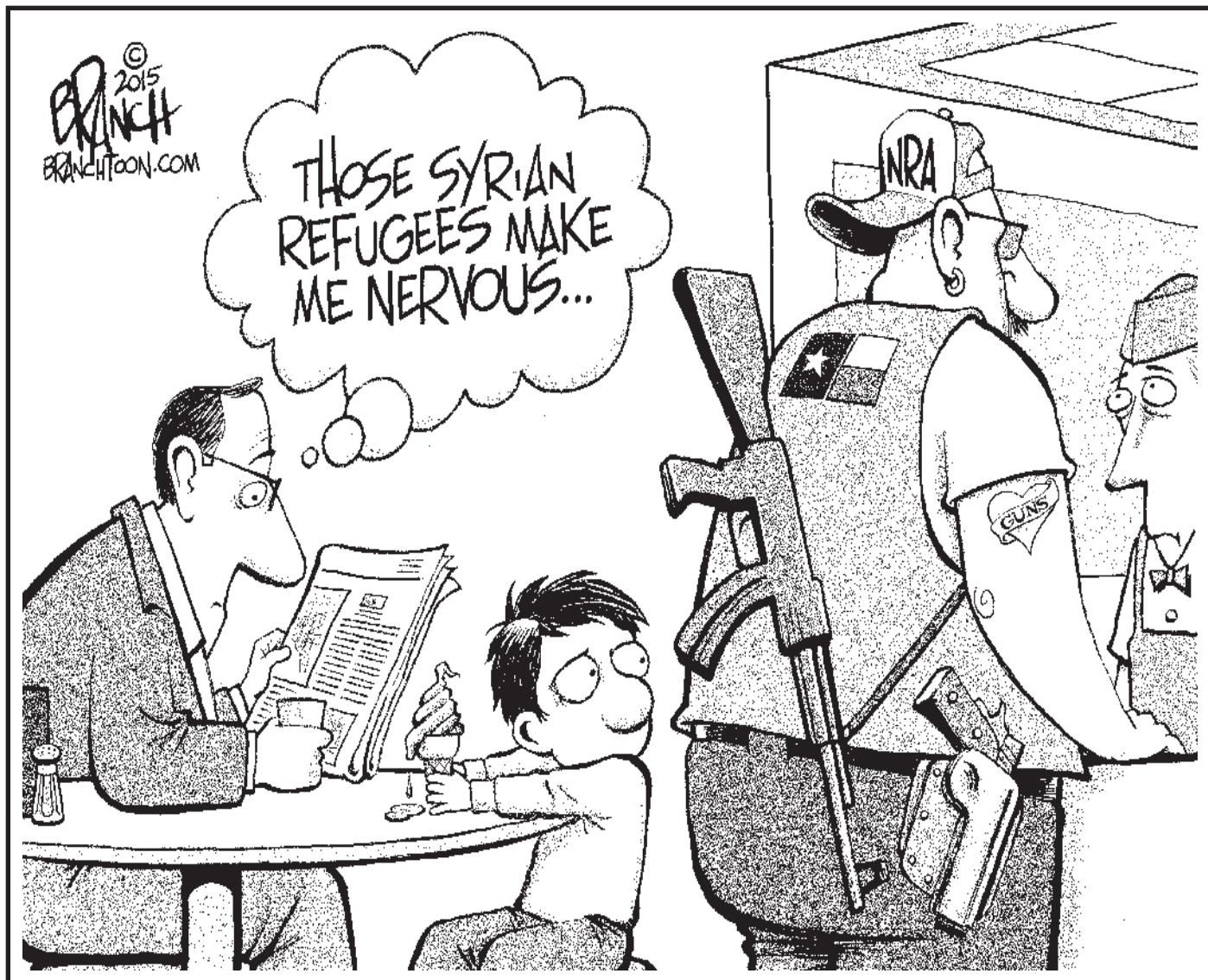
By ANN FRIEDMAN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

After an international tragedy like the terrorist acts in Paris last week, we perform a relatively new social media ritual: We attempt to collectively rank the importance of various injustices. Some of us are outraged that attacks in Western Europe have garnered more attention than similar violence in North Africa and the Middle East. Or, enraged by posts we see as merely mundane complaints—the usual kvetching about long airport lines or poor restaurant service—we remind everyone that terrorism matters most. Nous sommes unis. Facebook's "What's on your mind?" prompt becomes a temptation to critique your news feed and offer your opinions on exactly which topics others should and should not be posting about.

There are as many reactions to a large-scale news event as there are individuals witnessing it unfold. But these days, the battle to control the narrative happens in real time, and it involves anyone with a social media account. In the wake of the Paris attacks, many people invested in the Black Lives Matter movement took to Twitter to voice concern that social justice activism in the United States, including recent campus protests against systemic racism at the University of Missouri and Yale, would be ignored now that all eyes were on Europe.

Conservative media seized on their tweets as evidence that they did not care about the victims in Paris. "Liberal Activists

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The old man and the seashell

Since our profound encounter with destiny at the Sugar Dock coral reef breach where we drifted out to open sea, I resolved never again to wander into the coral reef line in search of fresh seashells and concentrate on gathering the encrusted ones near the shore. But I wandered too far three Sundays ago.

I was at the lagoon near Quartermaster when my gang of four claimed the afternoon, three took their spear guns and went chasing for octopus on the rocks by the green seaweed grassy lagoon while the fourth spread the picnic blanket on the ground. I was asked to hunt my seashells north, near the coral reef line away from the octopus hunt.

I headed for the distant line, assured that this time there was no breach current to tow me out into the open sea, in this case floats four prepositioned ships with enough supplies rumored to equip a battalion of Marines of all their needs—food, weapons, ammunition, personnel carriers, Sherman tanks, and helicopters for a whole month!

The late Ruth Tighe reminded me that the shells by the reef *in situ* were for admiring, not for harvesting. If an item found its way into a visitor's pocket, the coastal resource folks will frown but were lenient, and the custom's officers won't question too much at the airport, and I live legally but dangerously.

An associate from the Shenyang Waterbear Language Studio in town for a month joined the octopus hunt. On Pau Pau and Wing beaches in previous weeks, the group caught a pufferfish (a Japanese delicacy in spite of the toxin 1,200 times more potent than cyanide). The neighbor who is a restaurant chef prepared the pufferfish *sashimi*. I ate some; am still alive, in a manner of speaking.

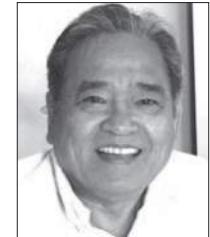
I snorkel for old shells—cones, conches, cowries, and augers. The ceriths, a *terrebridae*, I recently picked out from the lagoon floor is a beaut. The tan color and the brownish-red spots make it look very regal save whoever got it close to shore chipped the upper lip, exposing a pearl-like texture underneath but looking like an old man whose top is bald and whose one side is cropped.

On the auger's body is a neat hole bored by predators. Save for the innards' stench that refused to come out in spite of two-day soaking in chlorine, it was a magnificent specimen of a coral shell retired near the shore. Pyramid conches looked good also after brushing the salt off them. This time, heading for the coral reef, I brought a plastic bag ready in case I get to haul lots of seashells.

I didn't make it to the coral reef. I underestimated the depth of the lagoon at high tide and I found myself treading water most of the way. For a swimmer, it is hard to drown with the high salinity that keeps body afloat even without a floating vest. There were rocks and corals enough before the reef line so my snorkeling was a visual

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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feast until a calf cramp cramped my swimming style. I chose a rock to stand on and got me off treading water.

If you thought this was about seashells, you are partly right. It is about crustaceans clothed in salty encrustations, but right along picking them is the consciousness of aging.

I shunned the fresh shells on the coral reef line where the shell dwellers are still spitting their saliva, genetically programmed to create specific shapes. Normally, I pick the dead ones in the sand buried to weather tides and typhoons, resigned to biodegrade in time. The analogy of the seashells with my aging is unmistakable.

It was on the swim back to shore that I felt the receding tide was too strong to keep me from rapidly gaining distance and, having been on the water for more than an hour, the cramps persisted. I remember my Mom's comment in northern Luzon after my second drowning barely at 4 that I "would meet my end in water." I didn't want to tempt fate. The high waters, the tide, and my cramps presented a formidable challenge that meant time and effort to make it back to shore. Not too alarmed, applying destinal participation to fate, I readied for the effortful long haul toward shore, perhaps 'til dusk.

My gang of four scoured the horizon for sight of my snorkel with no success. Alarmed, they flagged down a fisherman for assistance. He asked how old I was and when told I was 70, he paddled his canoe fast in my direction. He showed up just in time as water began intruding into my air spout; towed me to where I could comfortably feel the ground under my feet.

My university in Shenyang spells my name "Hemi" and pronounced it the same way. The spelling of "Jaime" (*hie meh*) came to them as weird for the sound, but it got my students to call me *lao ye ye* (grandpa) "Hemingwei," and with Ernest's *The Old man and the Sea* as required reading in high school, the renowned novelist easily came as a reference. The main character in the novel is Santiago, James to moderns, aka *Jaime*.

On Sunday, this old salt and the *terrebridae* came chipped but still looked majestic, and believe it or not, we can still make the distance!

Palau: That could have been us...and it still can

For those of you who know me, over the years, I have been a strong advocate for our people and our islands. I have opposed the destruction of our islands by mining companies, industrial fishing interests, and the U.S. military. I founded Beautify CNMI!, co-founded Pagan Watch, Friends of the Monument, and the Alternative Zero Coalition. I don't see these as separate entities or efforts, but rather part of a single mission: To make our islands a better place to live and pass them down to our children. Change doesn't happen overnight, but during a lifetime, much can take place.

I was recently tagged in a Facebook story about Palau's recent decision to designate an ocean sanctuary in 80 percent of their EEZ ("Small Island Nation Makes Big Contribution to Conservation," Earth Justice). My friend wanted to know why we couldn't do the same thing, and challenged one of our local leaders to do so. The truth is, several years ago, we tried to do something similar to what Palau just did. This effort resulted in the creation of the Islands Unit of the Marianas Trench Monument. At the time, it was the second largest marine protected area in the world—but we've since dropped to 18th. I have to hand it to those Palauans, though—they have a way of looking at some-

thing, and flipping it on its head to make it even better.

When I was an advocate for the creation of the Marianas Trench Monument, I imagined a protected area as a circle, a place where no fishing took place on the inside, and fishing took place on the outside. With this model, the far Northern Islands were the perfect place. The islands were already protected by our Constitution and the Monument was meant to ensure that the protections extended from shore out to the extent of the EEZ. Palau just did the opposite of that. They saw it differently. They created a protected area in the shape of a donut—a protected area on the outside, with a fishing area on the inside closest to the islands. The protected area serves as a buffer to foreign fishing fleets and allows fish to grow big and old and then spillover into the indigenous fishing zone closer to shore. What a brilliant idea!

With the amount of development our islands are expected to experience in the coming years, we need to start thinking like our brothers and sisters in Palau. So perhaps it is time to take another look at the Monument. This is a good thing. In many ways, the Monument we got was not the monument we asked for. The designation was opposed by some otherwise reasonable people for all the wrong reasons, and as a result not all of the

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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many potential benefits were realized. At that time, Mrs. Agnes McPhetres told us it was a good "first step" and I continue to believe that. But first steps require a second. And a third.

We should look into what Palau just did and see if it is something that would work here. We followed their lead in implementing the Micronesia Challenge, so why not this, too? Additionally, maybe we can look at some of the lessons learned with our Monument these last few years. And maybe we can ask our neighbors for their help and advice. When we created our Monument, we were only the second place; now, there are more than a dozen.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Electing the nation's President and Vice President

This replies to Jaime R. Vergara's opinion piece, in which he wonders why (except for the territories) we directly elect the President when it's electoral votes that count. It's because we do *not* directly elect the President. We *indirectly* elect the President and Vice President by electing the people who directly elect, or rather *appoint* them.

As a matter of constitutional form, the President and Vice President of the United States are appointed by the United States Congress. It is the last and most important step the long process of selecting our chief executive and his or her "first runner-up," as it were. Congress is constitutionally bound to examine, accept or reject, and tabulate the electoral votes cast by the electors of the 50 states and the District of Columbia; and to accept the result unless it has a lawful reason not to do so.

The electors cast their ballots in their respective state capitals (or DC itself) on the first Monday following the second Wednesday of December, of every fourth year measured from 1788. That was the year in which the first President and Vice President under our second federal Constitution were chosen by 10 of the 13 states. New York did not choose its electors in time to participate in the 1788 election. North Carolina and Rhode Island were not eligible to participate because they had not yet ratified the new constitution. So they were still operating under the terms of our *first* constitution, which was in effect from March 1, 1781, to March 4, 1789. Vermont was not even part of the country at the time. Having declared independence from New York and New Hampshire as well as from Great Britain, the Commonwealth of Vermont was a separate republic from Jan. 15, 1777 to March 4, 1791, when it joined confederation after ratifying the U.S. Constitution on Jan. 10 of that year.

Congressional rejection of electoral votes is rare but has happened on several occasions, most famously in 1877. If there is a tie, which happened in 1800; or if a candidate does not achieve a majority of votes cast, which first happened in 1824; or if there is some other reason Congress cannot accept the result of the electoral vote, the President is chosen by the House of Representatives, with each state's delegation having one vote; and the Vice President is chosen by the Senate, which each senator having one vote.

There are currently 538 electoral votes, so a majority of 50

percent + 1 means that a candidate must win 270 electoral votes to win election. As currently distributed across the country, the 11 most populous states have exactly 270 votes between them and, thus could decide the election regardless how the other 39 states and Washington, D.C. might vote. Those 11 states are California, Texas, New York, Florida, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Georgia, North Carolina, and New Jersey (1 Western State; 1 South Central; 3 South Eastern; 3 Great Lakes; 3 Mid-Atlantic).

Contrary to popular belief, there is no popular election for President in the United States. Instead, there are 51 popular elections—one in the District of Columbia and one in each of the 50 states. Although there is national tabulation of the 51 results, that tabulation is solely for convenience and has no legal status. Under the terms of the U.S. Constitution, each state and the District of Columbia is responsible for conducting its own election—if it wants to have one. The sole purpose of each popular election is to choose the electors who will vote for President and Vice President on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December in a presidential election year.

There is no constitutional requirement for the states or D.C. to hold a popular election. Each state is free to choose its electors however it may wish to do so. All states have chosen their electors by popular vote since 1861, when South Carolina became the last state to do so. All states now hold their presidential election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, which is the date set by the Congress to hold congressional elections in every even-numbered year. The Constitution only requires states to cast their electoral votes on the same day throughout the nation. Whether they must also conduct their popular elections on the same day is an open question. Historically, they did not do so; and because the Constitution does not require any popular election to be part of the process, it does not mention them.

Contrary to popular belief, electors chosen by popular election are bound to cast their votes according to the result of their state's own popular election. This is because the right to vote is a fundamental right; so the result of that vote is protected by the due process and equal protection provisions of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. If the voters tell their state to cast its electoral votes for the Brand X candidate and the state

then casts its electoral votes for the Leading Brand candidate, the fundamental right of the voters to instruct their state how to cast its electoral votes has been infringed without due process and/or equal protection of the law; and Congress would have legal ground, if not obligation, to reject the electoral votes cast by that state.

If any or all of the five inhabited U.S. territories wished to do so, there is nothing to prevent them holding their own popular elections for President and Vice President. Those elections would be arguably a waste of taxpayer dollars because no electors are allocated to any of the territories—so the results would have no effect whatsoever on the process of selecting the President and Vice President. But even exercises in a vacuum can have their uses, and there is certainly value at least in schools, colleges and community groups conducting their own informal elections as a matter of civics education.

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Thank you, Brabu Pharmacy

I'd like to thank Brabu Pharmacy for sponsoring me in last weekend's Tour of Guam race. This is a challenging race, and I am proud to have participated for the fifth time representing our beautiful island of Saipan. I am pleased to say that I came in second place in the women's overall age category. I have been off-island for a few months so I had to travel with my bike from Missouri. Without the help of my sponsor, Brabu Pharmacy, it would have been extremely difficult for me to make this journey with my bike. Thank you, Ted Parker, for once again believing in me and supporting me in my favorite sport! I look forward to next year's race in which I plan to take first place!

Susan Marchitti
Gualo Rai, Saipan

As a result, many people who have never experienced racism firsthand refuse to see it as significant and become outraged when others keep talking about it, even as the global conversation is pulled in another direction.

The activists insisting we not forget daily injustices at home, not even for a minute, are, then, right to be concerned that a headline-dominating tragedy like the Paris attacks could usurp the mainstream media attention they've fought so hard to gain. Civil rights advocates are well aware of how difficult it is to bring widespread attention to long-simmering problems, and how quickly that attention can evaporate.

As we collectively figure out how to respond to dramatic, single-day events like terrorist attacks, we must also continue talking about how to remedy problems that are long-term and cumulative, such as racism. We are not only capable of multi-tasking, we are obligated to.

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Upset Paris Terrorist Attacks Are Getting Attention, Not Mizzou Protests," according to the Daily Caller. There was a similar article on Breitbart.com. Yet those snarky responses missed the point that many of the activists were making: It's possible to care about issues both domestic and international, immediate and long term. We can multitask.

"There is no rank order to injustice," tweeted Black Lives Matter activist Deray McKesson.

It may be a little gauche to discuss a substandard doughnut at a time when hundreds are mourning their lost loved ones, but social justice activism is hardly that. Even in our outrage-saturated age, people are capable of caring about many wrongs at the same time. I do this every day. I read reports of terrorist attacks abroad, and then a critical review of a TV show, and then dispatches from campus protests, and then a personal essay about sexism in media. I am able

to take all of this in without organizing it into a hierarchy.

Just because a bad TV show or a sexist editor never killed anyone doesn't mean we should never discuss these things. The fact that people died in Paris last week but not at Mizzou does not mean one of these events is worthy of all our attention and the other none.

Besides, systemic racism is a life-or-death problem—if you're not white. The University of Missouri protesters are drawing attention to a history of racial injustice that stretches from the university's founding in 1839 to this year, when white students shouted racial and anti-gay slurs at the student body president and a dormitory wall was vandalized with a swastika smeared in human feces. Traffic stops that quickly turn violent, graffiti designed to stoke fear and casually uttered racial epithets only seem like minor inconveniences if you've never found yourself on the receiving end.

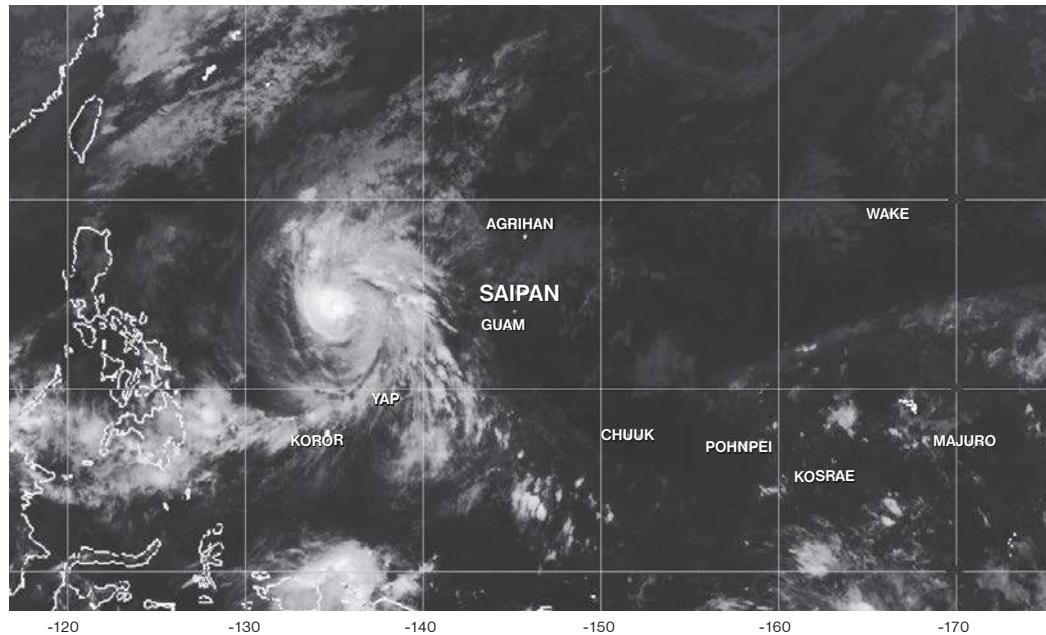
Unlike terrorism in Paris, the injustices being protested by the Black Lives Matter movement and campus activists are so old and deep that they seem humdrum, and they usually don't play out as one dramatic news event with dozens of casualties. (The Charleston, S.C., church shooting is a notable recent exception).

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon In-fa (27W) is centered 590 miles west of Guam at 14N136E moving west-northwest at 18 mph with maximum sustained winds of 120 mph. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are found between 10N and 19N from 134E to 141E. For more information on Typhoon In-fa, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are seen south of Typhoon In-fa near Koror between 7N and 9N from 130E to 136E and between Yap and Chuuk within 200 miles of a line from 11N142E to 5N148E. Low-level convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Koror near the equator south of a line from EQ133E to 2N139E. A trade-wind disturbance is triggering scattered showers east of Pagan within 130 miles of a line from 15N147E to 18N150E. Trade-wind convergence is producing patchy clouds, scattered showers and a few thunderstorms north of Pohnpei to south of Wake Island within 75 miles of a line from 10N157E to 14N166E to 15N176E and northeast of Majuro within an area bounded by a line from 12N173E to 12N177E to 9N172E back to 12N173E. A weak circulation is centered just southwest of Kosrae at 4N162E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen between Kosrae and Kwajalein within 80 miles of a line from 8N163E to 8N169 E and south of Kosrae south of a line from 2N160E to 2N170E.

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5:22 AM	Today	High Tide: 1.7 Feet
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Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:22 AM	5:44 PM
Tuesday	6:23 AM	5:44 PM
Wednesday	6:23 AM	5:44 PM
Thursday	6:24 AM	5:44 PM
Friday	6:25 AM	5:44 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	3:32 PM	3:17 AM
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UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA2920	12:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
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DL297	4:25pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL298	10:35am	3:15pm	Daily
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OZ628	3:50am	7:40am	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
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7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5	OZ627	9:30pm	2:50am+1	Daily
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Best Saipan

Just in time for the Nov. 27 official launch of exclusive Saipan casino licensee Best Sunshine's temporary casino, a bill amending the casino law cleared the Legislature last week. The bill seeks to grant casino regulators proper funding and authority, four months after the live training facility's July 26 soft opening.

Still, it was not surprising that the House of Representatives passed the Senate version of the casino amendment bill even with a lack of clarification and justification for some of the proposed changes to the Saipan casino law. It's just a matter of time before the same law is amended, again.

Just the same, acting governor Ralph DLG. Torres is expected to sign the latest amendment bill into law.

Torres used to support the idea of developing pozzolan mining

on Pagan, among other things, over allowing casinos on Saipan when he was still a senator but had a change of heart ahead of his candidacy for lieutenant governor. He was one of the elected officials who went on Asian trips see firsthand how casinos operate in other jurisdictions and meet with casino investors, months before Saipan's own casino bill was drafted and introduced.

Torres may want to at least consider a line-item veto for provisions that still need to be clarified and justified, including allowing casino employees under 21 years old to possess and serve alcohol (at a time when Best Sunshine isn't even penalized for violating anti-smoking law), and the salary increases for the regulatory casino commissioners from \$40,000 on the first year of the commission's existence to \$65,000 on the second year.

At this time, it's supposed to be only a "live training facil-

ity" or temporary casino. The government may want to hold off on the salary increases until a casino hotel is built from the ground up, and until the industry has really proven to be stable and sustainable. Otherwise Saipan could end up like Tinian and Rota where commissioners are not only overpaid but tend to be paid or expect full payments even when there is no casino operating. And lawmakers will end up appropriating taxpayers' money to have these commissioners paid when the casino isn't operating.

Attorney General Ed Manibusan, in reviewing the proposed salary increase in the bill, said the annual \$65,000 salary planned for the Saipan casino commissioners is higher than the salaries of what he described as "essential" government personnel like the public defender, public auditor, and lieutenant governor and suggested that lawmakers deter-

mine whether such a salary raise is appropriate.

The lawmakers' response? Make the casino and its agents "essential" employees so they won't be affected by any temporary government shutdown over fiscal crisis.

Under the Saipan casino law, casino commissioners are supposed to be paid \$20 per hour for every hour of official meeting that the casino commissioners attend during the second year of the commission's existence.

The casino bill's passage was followed Friday by the Department of Public Lands' issuance of a request for proposals for some 160 hectares of lands leased by Mariana Resort & Spa in Marpi, the same prime area that Best Sunshine has long wanted to get its hands on to be able to complete its promised \$7.1 billion integrated casino resort.

This came more than a year after DPL Secretary Pete A.

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Haidee V. Eugenio covered politics, migration, environment, business and other news beats as a reporter for Saipan Tribune and other news media in the CNMI for 16 years.



Tenorio said in September 2014 that the department was offering Best Sunshine over 20 hectares of public lands south of Mariana Resort and suggested leasing adjacent private lands as well for its casino project. Apparently, that option didn't pan out.

Prior to that, DPL wanted Mariana Resort, and other hotel owners whose public land leases are about to expire in a few years, to start communicating their plans whether they still want to occupy the land or not. Mariana Resort was clear it wanted to still lease the land, and DPL got that message.

But DPL has since changed its

stance and issued an RFP instead for the Mariana Resort leased land. It won't be surprising at all if DPL applies a different rule when the land lease of Hyatt Regency Saipan (which remains as the only global brand hotel in the CNMI), Fiesta Resort & Spa, or Kanoa Resort near their expiration date. It creates an unstable investment environment.

With the way things are, who's to say that the bids to be offered by investors such as Mariana Resort and Best Sunshine on the Marpi land lease will be considered and evaluated fairly, and that no winner has already been predetermined?

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Asia

ASIAN BRIEFS

SE Asia creates Economic Community, but challenges remain

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—Thirteen years after the idea was mooted, Southeast Asian leaders on Sunday formally created a unified economic community in a region more populous and diverse than the European Union or North America, and with hopes of competing with China and India. The 10 leaders in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations signed a declaration during their summit establishing the ASEAN Economic Community, as part of a larger ASE-

AN Community that aims for political, security, cultural and social integration. Summit host Prime Minister Najib Razak of Malaysia hailed the ASEAN Community as a “landmark achievement,” and urged members to accelerate integration. “The region is primed to expand exponentially,” he said. The community, known by its acronym AEC, is already a reality and many of its fundamentals have been applied in the region such as removal of tariff barriers and visa restrictions among others. It has also led to greater political and cultural cooperation.

China pledges \$14.5 million for search of MH370

BEIJING (AP)—Chinese Premier Li Keqiang pledged an additional \$14.5 million to fund the search for Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 that disappeared more than a year ago with 239 people aboard. Li made the announcement Saturday during a meeting with Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull in Malaysia, where Asia-Pacific leaders are holding a regional summit. The MH370 disappeared on March 8, 2014, en route from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing. French investigators have identified a washed-up

piece of airplane debris found in July on a remote island in the Indian Ocean as part of the Boeing 777. A multinational search has so far covered millions of square kilometers (miles) in the southern Indian Ocean at a cost of more than \$120 million. Most of the passengers were Chinese, and the Chinese government has vowed to spare no effort to locate and recover the plane.

Landslide in northern Myanmar kills about 60; 100 missing

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)—A community leader says a landslide near a jade mine in northern Myanmar has killed up to 60 people and left more than 100 others unaccounted for. Most of them are villagers who were sifting through a mountain of tailings and waste when the landslide hit Saturday afternoon in Kachin state. According to Lamai Gum Ja, a community leader and businessman, 50 to 60 bodies have been pulled from the debris and more than 100 are missing. The region is home to some of the world's highest quality jade, bringing in billions of dollars a year, though researchers say most of that money goes to individuals and companies tied to Myanmar's former military rulers.

Sunday, despite concerns that the legal proceedings against them were flawed and threats of violence by their supporters. Bangladesh Nationalist Party leader Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury and Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mujahid, secretary general of the main Islamist party Jamaat-e-Islami, were “hanged together, at the same time” at 12:55 a.m. at Dhaka Central Jail in the nation's capital, Senior Jail Superintendent Mohammad Jahangir Kabir told The Associated Press. Security was strengthened near the jail and elsewhere to avoid any violence. A few hours after the execution, a security detail escorted ambulances carrying the men's bodies to their ancestral homes where their families were to perform burial rituals. The Jamaat-e-Islami party, whose two other senior leaders already have been executed on war crimes charges, issued a statement calling for a nationwide general strike on Monday. Chowdhury was convicted on charges of torture, rape and genocide during the country's independence war against Pakistan, while Mujahid was found guilty on charges of genocide, conspiracy in killing intellectuals, torture and abduction.

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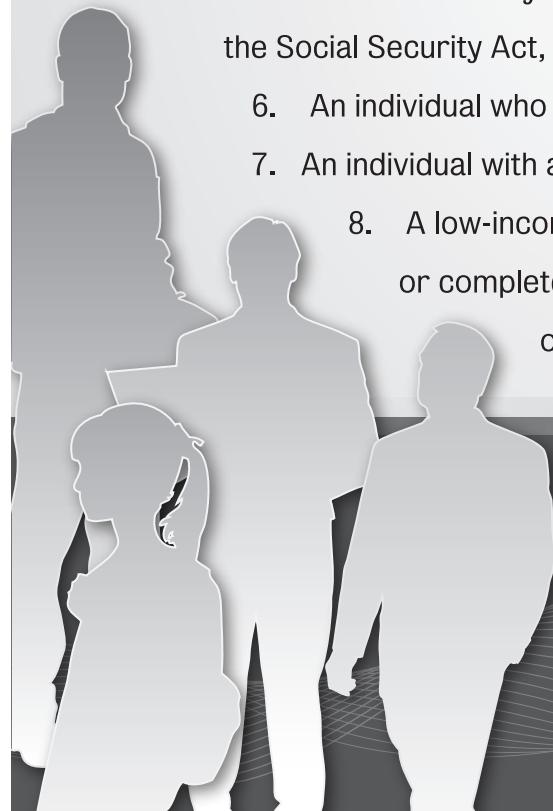
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Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for hearing on December 10, 2015, at 10:30AM in Courtroom 205A before the Honorable Kenneth L. Govendo.
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TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION

Municipality of Tinian and Aguijan
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, November 24, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Conference Room.

AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Adoption of Agenda
 - D. Adoption of Minutes
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS¹
- III. REPORTS
 - A. Chair's Report
 - B. Executive Director's Report
- IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - A. Status of Closure of TDHC Casino vs. HKE & Chan, Chun Wai.
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. HKE's Casino Reopening Plan
 - B. Special Fee Assessment Compliance
- VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION²
- VII. MISCELLANEOUS/ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

¹ Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.

² Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

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World

Well planned Mali attack took advantage of security lapses

BAMAKO, Mali (AP)—The heavily armed Islamic extremists who shot up a luxury hotel in Mali's capital, killing 19 people, timed their assault for the moment when guards would be the most lax, allowing them to easily blast their way past a five-man security team before turning their weapons on terrified guests, a security guard and witnesses said Saturday.

The timing suggested a well-planned operation that analysts

say could be an attempt by al-Qaida to assert its relevance amid high-profile attacks by the rival Islamic State group.

The attack on the Radisson Blu hotel in Bamako began at around 7 a.m. Friday morning when two gunmen, approaching on foot, reached the entrance where five guards who had worked the night shift were waiting to be replaced by a new team, said Cheick Dabo, one of the guards.

Brussels hunkers down amid warning of Paris-style threat

BRUSSELS (AP)—Belgian authorities closed down Brussels' subway system and flooded the streets with armed police and soldiers Saturday in response to what they said was a threat of Paris-style attacks.

The decision to raise the threat alert to the highest level in the Belgian capital came as the manhunt continued for a suspect missing since the carnage in neighboring France. It was taken "based on quite precise information about the risk of an attack like the one that happened in Paris," said Belgium's Prime Minister Charles Michel.

The tip authorities received suggested that an attack would involve "several individuals with arms and explosives launch ac-

tions, perhaps even in several places at the same time," he said.

The U.S. Embassy in Belgium urged Americans in the country "to shelter in place and remain at home" while the U.S. European Command issued a 72-hour travel restriction for U.S. military personnel on travel to Brussels a city of more than 1 million that is home to the headquarters of the European Union, the NATO alliance and offices of many multinational corporations.

On Saturday night, a relative calm descended on the city center, where restaurants and beer bars would usually be teeming with business. On Brussels' central square, the Grand Place, tourists snapped selfies

The guards had just finished the morning prayer and had put their weapons—a shotgun and two pistols—away in their vehicle when the militants struck.

"We didn't see the jihadists until they started firing on us. We weren't concentrating and we didn't expect it," he said.

Four of the guards were shot, one fatally, while Dabo himself managed to hide under a car.

Government critics have attacked the level of security at

as a green army truck full of soldiers pulled up next to a lit Christmas tree. Some restaurants and bars shuttered their doors, while others remained open, defying advice from the mayor to close for the night.

Tensions were also high elsewhere in Europe. In Paris, police equipped with emergency powers extended a ban on demonstrations and other gatherings through Nov. 30, when a U.N. climate conference with more than 100 heads of state is scheduled to start.

Several of the Paris attackers had lived in Brussels, including suspected mastermind Abdelhamid Abaaoud, who was killed in a standoff with French police on Wednesday.

the hotel and in the country but Interior Minister Salif Traore said Saturday that there was little to be done in the face of such determined attackers.

"They were ready to die, so

Islamic militants armed with guns and grenades storm hotel, take hostages



Source: AP

Graphic: Staff, Tribune News Service

the level of security is hardly important," he told reporters. "The Radisson hotel had a level of security that was considered good."

Once inside, at least one of the assailants headed for the kitchen



and restaurant, sparking pandemonium, said Mohammed Coulibaly, a cook at the hotel.

"I was busy cooking when a waitress started screaming at the door, 'They are attacking us, they are attacking us!'" Coulibaly said. "I asked everyone to go into the hallway, so everyone headed in that direction. Suddenly we heard the footsteps of the jihadists behind us and there was total panic and people were running in every direction."

Coulibaly said he then hid in a bathroom with one of the guests, but one of the assailants saw him through a window and started firing, prompting him to run to the kitchen where he was nearly overwhelmed by smoke.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED BIDS for construction of a Brown Tree Snake (BTS) Containment Barrier at the Tinian International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Project No. CPA-TA-002-13 will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP, 96950.

All Bids shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: Tinian International Airport Brown Tree Snake Containment Barrier Construction, Project No. CPA-TA-002-13 and must be submitted no later than **2:00 PM on MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2015** to the Office of the Executive Director at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of, but is not limited to, construction of a 40' x 40' concrete containment barrier, inclusive of masonry work, touch up painting, electrical connection to existing panel, lighting and power, bituminous pavement, all in accordance with the Project Drawings and Specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA). The Contract award, if it is made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days of the receipt of Bid Proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold such Bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of Bid opening.

The Contract period for construction of the Project in its entirety shall be one hundred twenty (120) calendar days. Liquidated damages in the amount of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day completion of the Project is delayed beyond the Contract completion date without approved excuse.

The apparent low Bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." The review will include, but is not necessarily limited to, previous projects experience, financial capability, quantity and quality of equipment and personnel, and ability to secure bonding and insurance. If the apparent low Bidder is found to be not "responsive and responsible", their Bid will be rejected and the next lowest Bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

All mechanics and laborers on the Project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by CNMI Law or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. The Contractor shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract. A copy of the CNMI Minimum Wage Rate Determination is included in the General Provisions, Section 70-25.

The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the Specifications. Bid Proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority office at no cost.

Each Bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities", and the "Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation", as contained in the Bid Proposal documents, with submission of their Bid Proposal.

A CD-Rom containing the Bid Proposal and Contract Documents, including Drawings and Specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, upon payment of **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)** for each set of documents in electronic form, including the Bid Schedule. The payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. Postal money order made payable to the "Commonwealth Ports Authority".

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the Tinian International Airport, at **10:00 AM, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2015** to explain and clarify any questions regarding this Project. Attendance of the Pre-Bid Conference is mandatory. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the Pre-Bid Conference date.

Bid Proposals shall be submitted on the Bid Proposal form included in the CD-Rom obtained from the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Bids submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding Bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the Bid Schedule or mis-entry of the quantity of line items; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the Project Contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said Bids if, in its sole opinion, to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

The proposed Contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the Regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.

Each Bidder must supply all information required by the Bid documents and Specifications.

A Contractor having 50 or more employees and any subcontractor having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) or more, will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the Specifications. To be eligible for award, each Bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit Bids in response to this Invitation and will not be discriminated against, on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, in consideration for an award of any Contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards or requirements for employment of minorities.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by either a Bid Bond issued by a U.S. Treasury listed surety company, Certified Check, or a Cashier's Check in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the Bid amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The proposed Contract is under and subject to the foreign trade restrictions required by 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to Supplier of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ JOSE F. LIFOIFO
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: November 20, 2015

Health & Fitness

Urban students grow food at L.A. school garden

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Elizabeth Castro had never tasted beets or kumquats before she joined an after-school gardening program at her inner-city Los Angeles high school.

Now, the 15-year-old helps grow the produce on campus in an urban neighborhood filled with auto shops and fast food restaurants—and she's taken samples for her family to try.

"Many things that I experienced here, I had never experienced before," Castro told U.S.

Surgeon General Vivek Murthy on a tour of the 1.5-acre site along with her fellow students. "Instead of going home and doing nothing at all, we come here."

On Friday, Murthy visited the partnership between community organizations and John C. Fremont High School to support healthy initiatives in neighborhoods starved for fresh produce and grappling with childhood obesity.

"These kinds of programs, they help build a demand for

healthy foods," Murthy said.

At the South Los Angeles campus, students involved in the 12-week after-school gardening apprenticeship program learn to grow food and cook healthy dishes, pulling from kumquat and lime trees and planters filled with potatoes, peas and beets. A community health clinic run by UMMA that caters to students and neighborhood residents is located next door.

The Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust started the gar-

den four years ago and plans to soon add a greenhouse. Those in the apprenticeship program have seen a jump in their grades and the amount of fruit and vegetables they eat, said Mark Glasscock, director of special projects for the trust, which is designing a similar project at a nearby high school.

"Schools have a lot of property on their campuses, much of which is underutilized, so this is a great alternative to use that space," he said.

A 2013 report showed about



U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy and John C. Fremont High School students hold a beet grown in the school's Gardening Apprenticeship Program plot on the campus south of downtown Los Angeles Friday, Nov. 20, 2015.

AP

had a chance to try anything like it where she lives. Since then, she's enjoyed tasting kale and a variety of melons, new additions to the rice, bean and chicken dishes she usually gets at home, she said.

"My mom never makes stuff like that," Lozoya said. "This helps us have a different range of food. This helps us have choices."

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
OPERATION OF CUSTOMER ACTIVITY OR ACTIVITIES
AT THE COMMUTER TERMINAL
SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

CPA-RFP-004-16 OCTOBER 1, 2015

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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR
ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES**

**TINIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CBP/TSIA IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT
PROJECT NO. CPA-TA-001-16**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Design Services for the project onsite assessment and survey and preparation of design with plans and specifications to include construction of processing booths, office and restroom improvements and expansion of the Federal Inspection Services (FIS) area, installation of counters and in-line baggage system for TSA processing and operations, including office space, inspections areas, and other miscellaneous work to complete the project at the Tinian International Airport, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project is being funded by CPA. This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package. Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant, at (670) 237-6500, fax to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to wprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Friday, December 11, 2015, 4:30 p.m., local time.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- 1. Overall A/E design experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands – (25 points);
- 2. A/E Design experience related to airport projects – (25 points);
- 3. Level of proficiency in performing A/E services promptly and level of experience with the FAA and AIP grants – (15 points);
- 4. The general reputation of the Consultant in terms of quality of A/E work experience and services performed for AIP projects, and the Consultant's professional integrity and competence – (15 points);
- 5. Capacity to accomplish the work within the contract time - (10 points); and
- 6. Resumes of key personnel including current licensure and registrations of principal – (10 points).

Interested Consultants shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, DECEMBER 28, 2015. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

All responses to this RFQ shall take into account any and all travel costs and taxes that will be charged to the consultant awarded an agreement for this project, including excise tax.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

Send information to:

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/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer
Date: November 20, 2015

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP: RFP16-GOV-016**

SUBMISSION DATE: DECEMBER 09, 2015 **TIME: 4:30 P.M.**

**"SUPPLY OF VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES,
A PROJECT UNDER THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE"**

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A SINGLE CONTRACT WILL BE AWARDED PURSUANT TO THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS. THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL PROPOSALS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF, AND WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT. ALL PROPOSALS RECEIVED SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ RALPH DLG. TORRES **ACTING GOVERNOR** **/S/ MARK O. RABAULIMA** **CHARMAIN, COMMONWEALTH LOTTERY COMMISSION** **/S/ HERMAN S. SABLON** **DIRECOR, P&S**

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General Manager (1)

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Must have 2-4 years related experience and /or training or equivalent combination of education and experience. The primary responsibilities of the Manager is assisting the General Manager in directly supervising the restaurant employees, managing operations in the front and back of the house with a high concentration on profitability, safety, sanitation, and sales growth, while constantly maintaining company's standards of quality and service. Responsibilities also include assisting the General Manager in developing team members. Managers must be able to work a flexible schedule, which include weekends, holidays, and late nights. Additional responsibilities include developing and maintaining professional functional working relationship with restaurant hourly employees and the franchise organization. Managing the restaurant floor, focusing on regular contact with guests. Handling guest complaints in a professional and timely manner. Carrying our supervisory duties such as recruitment and hiring, training, directing workflow, appraisal performance, rewarding and disciplining employees, and resolving complaints and problems.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**Position Available:
Personal Assistant to the CEO**

CEO of a multi-national lending and real estate investment business seeks a detail-oriented, outgoing, and highly-motivated individual for the role of personal assistant. The ideal candidate will have a college degree and excellent communication and organizational skills. Fluency in spoken and written English is required; prior experience in a similar role or in banking and real estate industries will be strongly considered. This position will be based in the Mariana Islands, with occasional travel required. Salary and benefits to be determined based on qualifications and experience.

Interested candidates should submit a CV, cover letter explaining your interest in the position and at least one writing sample in English to: CEO Assistant Search, Bridge Capital, PMB 29 Box 10001, Saipan MP 96950; or by e-mail to assistant.search@bccnmi.com. **No phone calls please.**

Life & Style

Band member: People hid in dressing room during Paris attack

NEW YORK (AP)—Two members of the Eagles of Death Metal band tell VICE that several people hid in their dressing room during the deadly terrorist

attack in Paris last week.

The U.S. band was performing at the Bataclan theater on the night of Nov. 13 when jihadis killed 130 people and

wounded more than 350 others at several locations in Paris.

Band members Jesse Hughes and Joshua Homme spoke to VICE founder Shane Smith on

Friday. Hughes says in a short clip released by HBO that the killers were able to get into the dressing room and killed almost everyone—with the exception

of one person who hid under Hughes' leather jacket.

Hughes, with his voice shaking, says a big reason why so many were killed at the theater

“is because so many people wouldn’t leave their friends.”

HBO says the interview will be available at VICE’s website next week.

‘Jeopardy!’ crowns tournament champion

LOS ANGELES (AP)—There’s a new “Jeopardy!” champion to add to the quiz show history books.

Alex Jacob, a currency trader from Chicago, won the \$250,000 top prize on the syndicated TV show’s “Tournament of Champions” finale that aired Friday.

He defeated paralegal Matt Jackson of Washington, D.C., and Kerry Greene of Manchester, New Hampshire, a volunteer advocate for children.

Jacob’s total winnings were \$399,802, including from six regular-season games. The top five “Jeopardy!” prize winners

of all time range from Brad Rutter with \$4.4 million to Dave Madden with \$430,000, the show said. Ken Jennings, who has the most consecutive games won, 74, is No. 2 on the money list with \$3.3 million.

Jacob, 31, said his experience as a professional poker player helped guide his approach, including the heart-stopping big bets that he placed on the show’s “daily double” categories that allow contestants to risk all their potential earnings.

“The natural tendency ... is you don’t want your score to go down to zero or end up in the negative. People think of

negative outcomes and it causes them to play a bit more conservatively,” Jacob said.

But poker games taught him that “when you have a big edge, when the probability is in your favor, you want to bet as much as you possibly can,” he said.

Another tip from Jacob’s card-playing days: Don’t eat a big meal beforehand to avoid getting sluggish.

Jacob, who earned a bachelor’s degree in economics and mathematics from Yale, says a solid memory helped him win. But he also was serious about studying for the quiz show well before he was invited to compete.

Many leisure-time hours in the past five years were spent online, Jacob said, crediting a fan-created website with thousands of previous “Jeopardy!” questions and answers, j-archive.com, as especially valuable.

He wasn’t entirely wrapped up in becoming a game show champ: He got married last August and at least some of his prize will help defray honeymoon costs, Jacob said, with his wife choosing the destination.

He’s just happy reveling in his victory on “Jeopardy!” which is hosted by Alex Trebek. The show debuted in 1964.

“It’s surreal,” Jacob said. “One

California university system revokes honorary Cosby degree

POMONA, Calif. (AP)—The California State University system has become the latest to take back an honorary degree from Bill Cosby.

The Board of Trustees voted Friday to revoke an honorary doctorate given to Cosby by Cal Poly Pomona in 1992.

The Cal State board said in a statement that it was revoking an honorary degree for the first time because Cosby’s conduct is contrary to the values of the university system.

With the move the system joins at least a half-dozen other institutions that have revoked degrees in an attempt to distance themselves from the 78-year-old Cosby as he has become embroiled in dozens of allegations of sexual assault. Cosby has not been charged in any of the cases and has denied many of the allegations while not addressing others.

A message left with a Cosby representative was not immediately returned.

‘The Assassin’ wins 5 Golden Horse awards in Taiwan



Taiwanese director Hou Hsiao-hsien, fourth from right, stands with the cast of his film “The Assassin” after winning Best Feature Film at the 52nd Golden Horse Awards in Taipei, Taiwan, Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015. AP

Horse winner who starred in “The Assassin.”

“The Assassin” is a martial art film, featuring a trained female killer who is faced with an impossible choice between love and duty. It also won the best cinematography, best makeup and costume design and best sound effects.

The best new director went to Bi Gan, a 26-year-old independent filmmaker, for his movie “Kaili Blues,” a dreamlike story of a doctor in a rural town in China and his journey along the Kaili River where he finds his present, past and future all woven together.

Jiang Zhengke, a well-known mainland Chinese director, won the best original screenplay for his film “Mountains May Depart.”

Better mental health care may prevent future violence

DEAR ABBY: I have listened to our president and various candidates comment on gun control after the shooting at the college in Oregon. Do you remember the saying, “Guns don’t kill people. People kill people”? Gun control is not going to stop this.

What IS needed (or at least would help) is more mental health care. It seems every time a person takes the notion to shoot others, someone says, “He was depressed.” Never during the 20 years I have battled depression have I ever wanted to shoot anyone. There have been times when the urge to shoot myself was almost overwhelming, but I NEVER felt like shooting a bunch of strangers.

Abby, I’m writing this to defend those of us who are truly fighting depression.

DEPRESSED IN TEXAS

DEAR DEPRESSED: Misinformation about mental illness is a contributor to the stigma that surrounds it. The triggers that have led to the plague of mass shootings in this country are the result of individuals with severe psychosis and the impossible task their families have faced in getting their loved ones the ongoing medical and psychiatric treatment they needed.

DEAR ABBY: The man I lived with for 25 years, “Craig,” and I have split. It was my decision. He now has a new woman in his

life, and she is pregnant. Craig and I share a 23-year-old son.

Craig calls me often. He’s my best friend and I wish him the best, but I get the feeling he is unhappy with this woman and feels trapped. He calls to ask me for advice and talk about the problems he has with her.

The woman has forbidden him to have contact with me so he has to sneak the calls. Should I not talk to him anymore, or leave it to him to make that decision? It seems to me he still needs me in his life as a friend. Is he emotionally cheating on this new woman?

SYMPATHETIC EX IN VIRGINIA

DEAR EX: If Craig needs counseling, he should be getting it from an unbiased professional. His lady friend obviously views you as her rival, which is why she has forbidden him to contact you.

It’s time to ask yourself how being in the middle of this makes you feel. If the answer is “not good,” then tell Craig you don’t want to cause problems in his new relationship, and sneaking around is dishonest and childish. And yes, this is a form of cheating because Craig is still emotionally dependent on you.

DEAR ABBY: I am a woman who works in an office building.

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

What’s the proper etiquette when the cleaning service is cleaning the restroom? If it’s a woman, I tend to go in anyway. If it’s a man, I wait (most of the time).

RESTROOM ETIQUETTE

DEAR R.E.: I don’t think there is a rule of etiquette regarding this. When the cleaning crew (or janitor) is in the restroom, there is usually a sign posted to that effect. In many cases, if the janitor is a male in a women’s restroom, he will immediately exit the room. However, if that doesn’t happen, it’s then up to the individual to determine if her call of nature is so urgent it must be heeded immediately.

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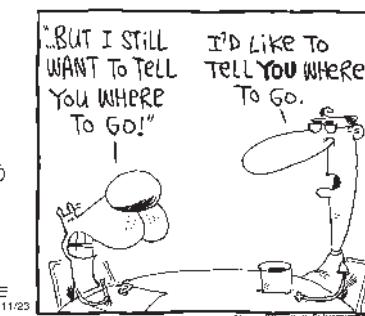
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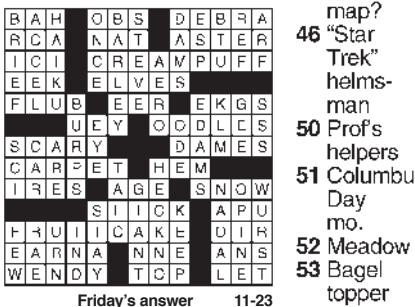
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Solution time: 26 mins.



Friday's answer 11-23

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Miley Cyrus, 23; Salli Richardson-Whitfield, 48; Robin Roberts, 55; Bruce Hornsby, 61.

Happy Birthday: Prepare to counter any negativity that comes your way. Hold your ground, keep a moderate pace and don't lose track of the little things. How you handle others and the changes you bring about must be executed with precision. There's no room for error if you want to come out on top. Rely on your intuition, not on what others tell you. Your numbers are 6, 11, 17, 21, 30, 36, 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take a stance, but be willing to compromise. Finding balance and working toward equality within important partnerships will help you accomplish a lot. Negotiate, invest and take care of money matters. Romance will lead to commitment and a happier lifestyle. **★★★**

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): An unusual emotional connection to someone will lead to an interesting opportunity. Listen to what's being offered and consider what you need to do in order to be a part of things. A trip will open up your options and help you realize your potential. **★★★**

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Keep talking, and eventually you will find the people who will support what you believe in or want to pursue. Romance is suggested, and sharing your feelings and concerns with someone you love will lead to a closer bond. **★★★**

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Hone or update your skills. Find a specialty and show greater interest in the people who support

your efforts, and success will follow. Advancement will be yours if you can clearly express your ideas, plans and what you have to offer. **★★★★**

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Open up about what you are trying to accomplish. You can bring about favorable changes if you don't let your emotions or personal distractions get in the way. Networking will pay off as long as you get offers in writing. **★★**

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The personal changes you want to make will face opposition. Before you get involved in a financial transaction, consider the pros and cons. If someone puts pressure on you to invest, back away. Success will result from doing your own thing. **★★★**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A partnership will add strength to your plans. Balance your responsibilities at home and at work. A change may not be welcome, but it will turn out to be favorable. Love is on the rise and a day trip will pay off. **★★★**

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Focus on your job and taking on more work. Discipline will pay off if you stick to your plans instead of trying to take on too much. Don't let a past encounter deter you from trying to pursue a similar endeavor. **★★★**

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't share personal information. You will gain the most by surprising everyone with what you have completed. Love and romance should be a priority. Take advantage of a positive change that can alter the way you live. **★★★★★**

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Control a situation you face by focusing on the financial aspect. Keep a low profile and work diligently behind the scenes until you have perfected what you want to promote. Don't give in to emotional manipulation. **★★**

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can make vocational changes by applying for a new job or looking for a source of income that you can work on from home. A personal relationship will contribute to a decision to invest in something you enjoy doing. **★★**

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will face opposition if you voice your opinion. Find ways to stay satisfied. Don't let the changes others make lead you astray. Do what's best for you and let go of what isn't working. **★★★★**

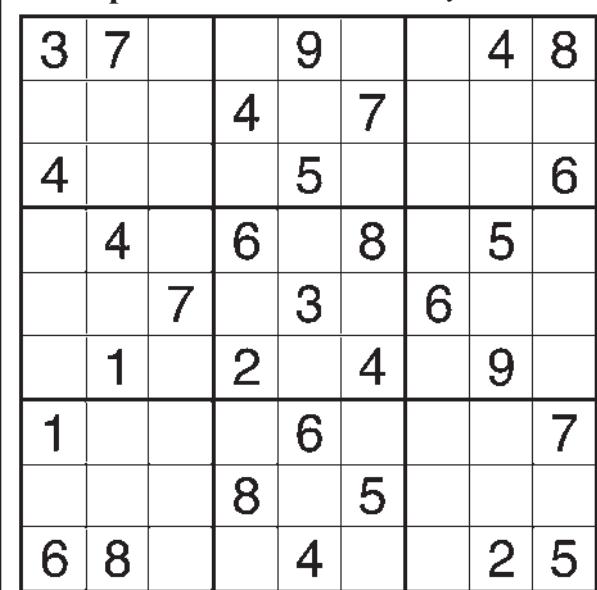
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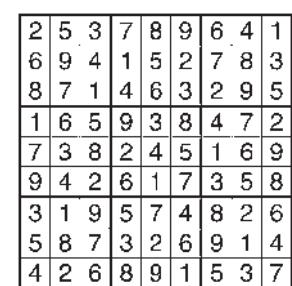
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Last Friday's SUDOKU Answer



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By DAVID OUELLET

Solution: 3 letters



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Heat escape, top 76ers 96-91 to keep Philly winless



MIAMI (AP)—For much of the night, Philadelphia was in control. The 76ers had their biggest lead of the season at one point, and still led by 11 midway through the fourth quarter.

And then...

"A very, very cruel loss," 76ers coach Brett Brown said.

Even for a franchise that's known nothing but misery of late, this one stung more than most.

Philadelphia is still winless this season, after Dwyane Wade scored 27 points, Justise Winslow came up with a huge tip-in with 27 seconds left and Miami held the 76ers without a field goal for a critical 7-minute stretch of the fourth quarter on the way to a 96-91 win on Saturday night.

The 76ers are now 0-14 this season, with a losing streak of 24 games when factoring in the end of last season.

"We were in a position to get our first win and we just couldn't get into anything at the end of the game," Brown said. "I give credit to a veteran Miami team. Defensively they were fantastic and we just had a hard time finding a shot. We were in a late clock a lot in the last 5 minutes and it's a part of cruel path that we are going to evidently have to take."

Oh, they've been on that path for a while. But this step was particularly painful.

Hassan Whiteside finished with 13 points, nine rebounds and eight blocked shots for the Heat, who were down 17 at one point and still trailed 87-76 after a dunk by Nerlens Noel with 7:10 remaining. Miami outscored Philadelphia 19-2 to escape, and the 76ers—who started 0-17 last season—are now the owners of the ninth-worst start in NBA history as well.

"They're an NBA team," Wade said. "They've got guys who can play basketball, so you take nothing from them. But they're not a better team than us, and not on your home floor."

Isaiah Canaan scored 22 for Philadelphia, and Robert Covington finished with 21. Jahlil Okafor scored 16 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, while Noel finished with 10 points.

"When you're up 10, 15 and you feel like you're in control the whole game," Noel said, "it hurts a little more."

The Heat led for 4 minutes, 42 seconds in the first quarter and then spent the rest of the night playing uphill—that is, until 2:40 remained, when Wade set up Bosh for a game-tying 3-pointer from the top of the key, knotting the score at 89.

Gerald Green's free throws with 1:25 left put Miami up 91-89, the first Heat lead since it was 14-11 in the early going.

"You definitely have to give Philadelphia credit," Heat coach



AP
Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade celebrates after scoring during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Philadelphia 76ers, Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015, in Miami.

Kings 97, Magic 91

In Orlando, Fla., DeMarcus Cousins had 29 points and 12 rebounds as Sacramento held off Orlando.

Rajon Rondo added 13 points, nine assists and seven rebounds for the Kings, who had lost two in a row. Marco Belinelli chipped in 13 points off the bench.

Trailing 65-61, the Kings outscored the Magic 22-2 in the final 5:03 of the third quarter to take an 83-67 lead into the fourth. Sacramento led by as many as 16 points in the final period.

Orlando surged within 87-80 in the fourth, but after Evan Fournier was called for a technical for arguing an offensive foul, the Kings got the lead back up to double digits.

Tobias Harris led the Magic with 24 points. Fournier added 17.

Pacers 123, Bucks 86

In Indianapolis, C.J. Miles scored a season-high 21 points to lead Indiana over Milwaukee.

Paul George had 20 points and seven rebounds, and Jordan Hill added a season-high 20 points off the bench.

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Tony Allen's 20-foot jumper to open the game.

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Spurs 92, Grizzlies 82

In San Antonio, Kawhi Leonard scored 19 points, Tony Parker had 18 and San Antonio snapped Memphis' four-game winning streak.

Marcin Gortat finished with 14 points and eight rebounds, while Ramon Sessions had 14 points and nine assists off the bench. Washington's reserves outscored Detroit's 51-15.

Reggie Jackson led the Pistons with 20 points and nine

assists, while Morris had 18 points and nine rebounds. Andre Drummond failed to get a double-double for the first time this season, finishing with eight points and 13 rebounds. He also didn't get an offensive rebound in 37 minutes.

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Tim Duncan had 10 points,

including a pair of running floaters in the lane in the final 90 seconds to seal the victory, as well as 10 rebounds.

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Is No. 18's 18th NFL season coming to a premature end?

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP)—What if this is it for Peyton Manning? While many of his teammates won't dare consider the notion, at least one prominent member of the Denver Broncos has considered the possibility that No. 18's 18th NFL season could come to a premature end.

"I'm not going to lie, I've pondered it a little bit," leading tackler Brandon Marshall said. "But I try not to think about it too much because I know we've got a job to do, I know we've got a season to finish and he's one of the greatest of all-time, man. And I just hate to see him hurt."

Manning's streak of 57 consecutive starts for Denver, a franchise record, will come to an end Sunday in Chicago because of injuries and ineffectiveness. Backup Brock Osweiler gets his first NFL start, which comes on his 25th birthday.

Coach Gary Kubiak excused Manning from practice and meetings this week so he could focus on his rehab on his left



Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning (18) leaves the field after an NFL football game against the Kansas City Chiefs, Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015, in Denver.

foot, right shoulder and ribs. He's also leaving Manning back in Denver so the five-

time MVP can continue his treatment through the weekend alongside star pass-rusher DeMarcus Ware (back) rather than having to stand in the cold at Soldier Field.

Manning had the worst game of his career last weekend on the same day he became the league's all-time passing yards leader in Denver's 29-13 loss to Kansas City. He now has 71,871 yards to Brett Favre's 71,838, but he's still tied with Favre for most regular-season wins by a QB with 186.

Nobody knows for certain if he'll get a shot at No. 187.

While Kubiak has refused to look beyond Sunday, there's a distinct possibility Manning could be sidelined for a while given his many ailments at age 39. Osweiler's superior mobility, athleticism, arm strength

and accuracy might also give the Broncos (7-2) the boost they've been searching for on offense all season.

Osweiler insists this is still Manning's team and he's only filling in temporarily, which seems to be the prevailing mood in the locker room.

"In this game you learn to work week by week," wide receiver Bubba Caldwell said. "So, I know the mind-set here is we just worry about one week at a time. Against Chicago, we know he's not going to be there. We've got Brock. So, after this game, then we'll worry about the next week and see who our quarterback is."

Manning has had a difficult season. After taking a \$4 million pay cut over the winter, he's thrown for just nine touchdowns with an NFL-high

17 interceptions. In his first three years in Denver, he totaled 136 TD throws and just 36 interceptions.

His career-low 67.6 passer rating is even lower than Tim Tebow's 72.9 in 2011 that forced GM John Elway to go after Manning in free agency.

"I just hate to see all these people saying all these negative things about him," said Marshall. "He's had a tough year. It hurts me. I definitely have thought about this being it for Manning. "But I'm hoping that we can win one for him—a Super Bowl for him—so he can go out in style."

Whether Manning or Osweiler is running the offense, Marshall is counting on Denver's No. 1-ranked defense and top-flight special teams to lead the Broncos out of their two-game

skid and back into another nice winning streak.

"Defense wins championships," Marshall said. "Man, if we all just play sound—no turnovers, no big plays—I think we can win every game."

Asked this week if he was confident he'd be back in action soon, Manning said, "I sure hope so. ... I'm not going to be on the practice field, so I can dedicate the time to being in the training room and active rest, if you will. Hopefully, it helps me out."

Manning demurred when age was raised as a possible root of his long list of nagging injuries.

"That's a little bigger of a picture than what I'm dealing with right now," Manning said. "I'm kind of focused on the small picture of trying to get healthy."

Osweiler isn't looking at the bigger picture either.

Although there's a lot riding on this start—he's set to become a free agent after this season—Osweiler insists he doesn't view this opportunity as an audition.

"I'm really keeping my focus small," Osweiler said. "I'm focusing on the things that got me to this point and just focusing on going into Chicago and doing whatever it takes to get that win."

Bears coach John Fox suspects we haven't seen the last of the iconic quarterback he coached for three seasons in Denver.

"He'll bounce back. He's a consummate pro," Fox said. "He'll have better days to come."

Greene's punt return helps Jaguars beat Titans, 19-13

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)—Rashad Greene fielded the line-drive punt, weaved through a few defenders, broke into the open field and nearly scored.

It was the big play the Jacksonville Jaguars needed to beat Tennessee. It was the key moment they had to have to gain ground in the muddled AFC South.

It came from a rookie, a guy who missed the previous seven games with a torn ligament in his left thumb.

And it made those mustard uniforms, at least for a second, look much more like gold.

"I just needed that ball and he gave it to me the way I wanted it," Greene said.

Greene returned the punt 63 yards, setting up Blake Bortles' 5-yard touchdown pass to Julius Thomas with 3:30 remaining, and the Jaguars held on to beat the Titans 19-13 on Thursday night.

"We've been in these one-possession games all season," coach Gus Bradley said. "Fortunately, we came out on the good end."

The Jaguars (4-6) won consecutive games for the first time since December 2013 and put themselves squarely in the hunt in the division race. They have won three of four.

The Titans (2-8) lost for the eighth time in nine games and spoiled interim coach Mike Mularkey's return to Jacksonville. Mularkey was fired after one season with the Jaguars, a 2-14 campaign in 2012.

For much of the night it looked as if Mularkey would celebrate a rare win in Jacksonville.

But Greene flipped the script. Bortles hooked up with Thomas on the next play, putting Jacksonville ahead 16-13. It was an easy call for Bortles, who noticed linebacker Derrick Morgan lined up across from Thomas before the snap.

"One on one with really a defensive end," Bortles said. "That's kind of a mismatch."

Titans tight end Phillip Sturner fumbled on the ensuing possession, leading to Jason Myers' fourth field goal of the night and a six-point lead with 2:19 remaining.

"My fault on that play," Sturner said. "My ball security wasn't as good as it should have been."

Tennessee had one final chance and advanced to the 23 with 5 seconds remaining. But Andre Branch sacked Marcus Mariota on the final play.

Branch did his usual windmill dance as he was mobbed by teammates.

"We don't have any quitters," Jaguars cornerback Aaron Colvin said. "We all believe that we can win any game. Any time it may look like we're out to the public eye, to the naked eye, we feel deep down that we can win the game. We have playmakers that are starting to make plays in crucial situations and you can see it each and every game."

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP)—Quarterback Colin Kaepernick was placed on season-ending injured reserve by San Francisco on Saturday with a left shoulder injury, possibly signaling an end to his time with the 49ers just three seasons after he led them to a Super Bowl.

Kaepernick began the week coming off the team's bye with soreness in his non-throwing shoulder and he brought it to the attention of the medical staff Monday. He received treatment throughout the week, but was listed as a full participant in practice.

He was listed as probable Friday to be available if needed for Sunday's game at Seattle as the backup to promoted starter Blaine Gabbert.

But after the team submitted the injury report, Kaepernick returned to the training staff Friday following practice and said the shoulder wasn't making any progress and then asked about

his options. Surgery was considered a real possibility.

The 28-year-old Kaepernick's \$11.9 million 2016 contract would become fully guaranteed for injury if he's still on the roster on April 1.

Because of that, many already figured Kaepernick's time with the Niners (3-6) might be done in what so far has been a forgettable season.

Kaepernick's time could be over with the franchise that drafted him in the second round out of Nevada in 2011.

He took over the starting job from Alex Smith in November 2012 and immediately showed the dynamic player he could be with his strong arm and quick legs - including that quarterback-record 181 yards rushing in a playoff win against Green Bay on the way to the Super Bowl.

Yet that guy never came to life this season, instead making more mistakes than memorable

plays.

Gabbert took over for the benched Kaepernick against Atlanta on Nov. 8 and led the team to a 17-16 win, then coach Jim Tomsula said Gabbert would keep the starting job at least for another game this week against the rival Seahawks.

But the first-year coach hadn't publicly ruled out Kaepernick returning at some point.

"I'm not into comparing the two guys," Tomsula said this week. "I won't compare the two guys, but Blaine right now is doing a good job for us and did a nice job last week. He's been here for two years, so it's a guy we know and he's busting his tail."

Initially when making the quarterback change, Tomsula said he wanted Kaepernick to "step back and breathe and look at things through a different lens."

To that, Kaepernick said, "I'm not out of breath, so I don't

understand that reference."

On Oct. 22, the 49ers managed just 142 total yards in a 20-3 home loss to Seattle, fewer than the 164 they had on Thanksgiving last year and their worst total since 133 yards against the Vikings on Nov. 5, 2006.

Kaepernick dropped to 1-6 in seven starts against the Seahawks with three touchdown passes to nine interceptions and 24 sacks, including the NFC championship game loss in January 2014.

The 49ers have lost four in a row to Seattle and six of seven, held to single digits in their past three defeats with just one touchdown while getting outscored 56-13.

San Francisco moved quarterback Dylan Thompson from the practice squad to the active roster to back up Gabbert.

Kaepernick's agent didn't immediately return messages Saturday.

Kingfishers rule PIC dodgeball tourney

William S. Reyes Elementary School overcame Kagman Elementary School's twice-to-beat edge to complete its title run in the 2015 Pacific Islands Club dodgeball tournament held last Saturday at the PIC tennis courts.

Tents were put up at the PIC tennis hard courts as Tropical Storm In-Fa threatened to dampen the matches.

WSR, which came from the loser's bracket of the double-elimination round tourney, needed a few strategic catches in the

finals opener to hold off Kagman's repeated comeback tries to force a deciding match against their first round tormentors.

The Kingfishers, smelling blood, showed no mercy in the finals decider and took down the 2013 titlists in a lopsided match.

WSR, which entered the bracket stage as the sixth seed after pool play in the morning, seemed headed for an early exit after dropping to the loser's bracket after a crushing defeat

against the fifth-ranked Marlins.

They fought all the way back and took down Grace Christian Academy, Oleai Elementary School, Garapan Elementary School, and Whispering Palms to arrange a rematch against Kagman in the finals.

Koblerville Elementary School finished on top of Pool B and in the process was the No. 1 ranked team heading into the bracket stage.

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A William S. Reyes Elementary School player catches the ball during their finals match against Kagman Elementary School in last Saturday's Pacific Islands Club dodgeball tournament.

NMSA hopes to put NMI on Universiade map

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The Northern Marianas Sports Association is hoping to put the CNMI on the world-sporting map aiming to carefully look into the possibility of bidding to host at least three sports under the World University Championships calendar.

NMSA president Mike White, during the group's monthly meeting last week, asked officials of the sports associations of baseball, beach volleyball, and golf to discuss it with their respective board.

"We're hoping our involvement with FISU [International University Sports Federation] gets deeper. One way of doing that is the possibility of hosting any of the sport under the World University Championship program," said White in the meeting attended only by several representatives of each member federation.

Hosting a WUC sports events—where athletes and

officials from countries around the world participate—is also good for the local economy as it would promote tourism and bring in revenues to the hotels, restaurants, and other business establishments.

The Francisco M. "Tan Ko" Palacios Baseball Field has hosted several Little League Asia-Pacific regional tournaments along with the 2006 Micronesian Games. The field, however, needs to be repaired.

"We have a lot of white sand beaches good for beach volleyball. So, I would like to ask that [Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association] also look into the prospect of bringing the games here on Saipan," White told NMIVA representative Toni Yamada.

Saipan also has four world class golf courses—Coral Ocean Golf Resort, Kingfisher Golflinks, Laolao Bay Golf & Resort, and Marianas Country Club—that could

play host to a WUC.

White asked NMSA executive director Tony Rogolifo, who represents golf through the Refaluwasch Golf Association, to also study the matter.

The World University Championship is part of FISU's program where 28 sports are played in every two

years where college age athletes, 17 to 28 years old, participate.

The last WUC event in baseball was held in 2010 in Tokyo, Japan where eight countries—with a total of 169 players and 64 officials—participated, while Porto City in Portugal hosted the WUC in beach volleyball where it attracted 64 male and 52 female players from 22 countries, and 44 game officials.

Golf was last held in 2014 at Crans Montana in Switzerland where a total of 133 men and women players from 22 countries took part. There were also 62 officials who attended the event.

Boys U18

Sonics 65 – Esmundo 12, Fidelino 9, De Guzman 8, Munia 8, Espinosa 8, Bautista 6, Diyco 6, Aque 5, Borromeo 4.

KB Market 48 – Palino 26, Castro 7, Santos 5, Itaas 4, Mejia 2, Ilo 2, Ogasawara 2.

Scoring by quarters: 11-6, 33-16, 47-28, 65-48.

Masters

Blue Haus 84 – Diaz 19, Rasa 15, Mendoza 11, Moises 9, Santos 8, Macoto 6, Palacios 4, Buenabajo 4, Itaas 1.

Armatech 52 – Berline 20, Moreno 6, Gabaldon 5, Abuy 5, Duenas 4, Pablo 4, Park 4, Malasarte 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-8, 43-18, 60-33, 84-52.

Open

MJD 90 – Pelisamen 32, Bisana 21, Gamboa 12, Tarragoza 10, Estolas 5, Gapor 4, Directo 3.

Maplas 83 – Viray 28, Vilanueva 21, Rueda 13, Odicita 11, Salazar 6, Lacson 4.

Scoring by quarters: 12-11, 32-38, 57-63, 76-76, 90-83 (OT).

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Sonics's lead.

The Sonics opened the battle for the last semis ticket with an 8-0 run before KB Market moved within 5 after the first period, 11-6. However, the Sonics began pulling away in the second half behind its balance offense to oust KB Market.

Ryan Esmundo paced the Sonics with his 12 points, while six of his teammates added at least 6 points each in their 17-point victory. Andrew Palino was the lone bright spot in the KB Market side, recording a game-high 26 markers.

MJD 90, Maplas 83 OT

In the open division game last Friday, MJD Enterprise survived a scare from Maplas, pulling off a 7-point win in overtime.

MJD trailed in the majority of the first half and was still behind, 57-63, entering the final canto before Freddie Pelisamen and Ron Gamboa saved the day for the team. Pelisamen scored 11 points in the fourth pe-

riod, while Gamboa nailed the squad's last basket in regulation.

In overtime, MJD leaned on Jack Tarragoza to foil Maplas' upset bid as the benchwarmer knocked in 6 of his 10 markers in the extension. Cecilio Bisana added 4 points, while Pelisamen and Gamboa chipped in 2 each. Only J.P. Villanueva scored for Maplas in the extra five minutes of play.

With MJD slipping past Maplas, it finished on top of the East Group with its 6-1 record, while the latter dropped to a 1-4 slate.

Blue Haus 84, Armatech 52

In the masters game last Friday, Blue Haus cruised past Armatech to improve to a 2-1 record.

Edsel Mendoza and Tony Diaz gave Blue Haus a good start, combining for all of their 20 points to give their team an early double-digit spread, 20-8. Bruce Berline scored all but 2 of Armatech's 8 markers.

The rest of the Blue Haus players stepped up in the remaining three periods to widen the gap en route to their 32-point winning margin.

Boys U18

MP United 22 – Diaz 19, Rasa 15, Mendoza 11, Moises 9, Santos 8, Macoto 6, Palacios 4, Buenabajo 4, Itaas 1.

Armatech 20 – Berline 20, Moreno 6, Gabaldon 5, Abuy 5, Duenas 4, Pablo 4, Park 4, Malasarte 2.

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relieved Richard Steele early in the second game. The Miyawaki-Villagomez winning play

came off a broken one, as the latter's 18-yard free kick from the left side of the goal off a violation from Tan Holdings FC goalie Oliver Fajardo failed to create a shot from his teammates who were bunched up in the box. Villagomez's free kick was instead anticipated by Jamison Alberts, who headed the ball back to the former's side.

The MP United substitute then dribbled out of traffic and found Miyawaki cutting through Tan Holdings' defense and passed the ball. Miyawaki was momentarily left open and went for a quick release just before Fajardo approached him. The ball rolled to the left corner with Fajardo too late when he tried to step back and slide for the save.

Miyawaki scored the equalizer in the 40th minute and seven minutes later he put the icing on the cake, connecting on a lob from midfield about 50 yards off another feed from Villagomez.

"I was kind of confident after I scored the first goal so when I was open at midfield, I kicked the ball hard and fortunately it went in," said Miyawaki, who was the

of the first round.

He only needed 34 seconds in dispatching Yasuaki Miura by TKO in Rites of Passage 18: Warpath in July 3, 2015 and followed it up with a KO win over Kengo Ura with only 37 seconds gone in the first round of PXC 49 in August.

Camacho is aiming to win the PXC lightweight belt against Jones, a victory that would put him closer of reaching his goal of fighting in the Ultimate Fighting Championship, MMA's grand stage.

Jones, on the other hand, has won his last two fights in 2015 after losing to Seung Chan Hong (5-1 with 3 KOs) in last year's PXC 45. He then bounced back with a KO victory (elbows and punches) against CNMI bet Peter Cepeda (1-3, KO) in PXC 47 on March 13.

His most recent win was by KO (slam) over Japanese Takyu Kobayashi (6-8, 3 KOs) in PXC 49 last Aug. 7, 2015 as one of the undercard bouts of the Brogan Walker-Gabby Romero flyweight headliner.

Tan Holdings FC to join Guam tournament

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Tan Holdings Football Club is fielding a U14 team for this weekend's 2015 Youth Invitational Gobblefest in Guam.

The club's U14 crew is composed of Christian Castro, Leandro Bichayda, Skyler Secharraimul, Joshua Waldo, John Canape, Ichiro and Taka Borja, Nicolas Tkell, Dave Tanghal, Angelo Bergancia, and John Ezekiel Canape. Miko Moran is the team's coach.

Tan Holdings FC's strikers will play in Guam from Nov. 27 to 29 and will be up against the host's Wings, Southern Cobras, Tigers, Islanders, and the Philippines' Don Bosco.

"Most of our players are first-timers in an off-island tournament. It will be a challenging event because we are scheduled to play back-to-back games for two days and three on the final day," Moran said.

Though they have a tough schedule, Moran said they welcome the competition and the opportunity to see how teams

outside of Saipan play.

"We will be playing with some of the top teams in Guam and Don Bosco from the Philippines. I'm sure we will learn a lot from them and this tournament will help our players improve. This event is a great experience for our players, especially the younger members of the squad," said Moran, who has two 12-year-old players and five 13-year-olds on his roster.

The Tan Holdings mentor urged his players to play 100 percent, always practice good sportsmanship, and be observant of their opponents when they are not playing and on the bench.

"They can learn a lot from just watching how other players from the opposing teams play and move around the pitch," Moran said.

Moran's wards will debut against Wings at 12:40pm this Friday and will have their second match on the same day against the Southern Cobras at 11:30am. Each game will be

played in two 30-minute halves with a five-minute break.

For Day 2, Tan Holdings will duel the Wolverines first at 10:30am before facing the Islanders at 11:40am. On the final day, Moran and company will challenge Don Bosco at 10:30am. In the afternoon matches during the

last day of the tournament, playoff games will take place with the No. 1 and 3 squads in the team standings colliding for the first finals berth. The second finals seat will be contested by the No. 2 and 4 teams, while the remaining squads will also have playoff matches for rankings. The finals and consolation game will be played in the afternoon.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
John Ezekiel Canape, right, seen here battling for the ball against MP United's Jeremiah Diaz during their co-ed U12 game in the NMI-FA youth league last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field, will suit up for Tan Holdings' U14 team that will compete in Guam this weekend.



Homeboyz, Alamo slowly pulling away in Thursday billiards

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The Jokers Homeboyz and the National Alamo Car Rental are slowly creating some distance against the other teams after each escaping with close wins over separate opponents in the Saipan Billiards Association-Budweiser Open 8-Ball Thursday League last week.

Both the Homeboyz and National scored 7-6 wins over the Wild Bill's Rack 'N' Roll and Jonny's Team SCS, respectively, for identical 25-14 slates to enjoy a six-game lead over the Jokers WildBoyz's 19-20 card.

The Rack 'N' Roll (17-12), Team SCS (16-23), and the Wild Bill's Wild Wild West (15-24) complete the standings in the six-team league.

The Homeboyz were holding on to a 6-4 edge heading into the last two matches in the sec-

ond set of the Partner's 8-Ball event.

Cesar Sangalang and Joshua Woodson sealed the victory for the Homeboyz after disposing of the Rack 'N' Roll's Rico Montano and Warlee Ellama in the first game of the second to the last Partner's 8-Ball event.

Wild Bill's won the last two games for the final tally.

All 13 matches are always played since each win or loss would be added to the record of the team, with the squad with the most victories clinching the season crown.

It was a different story in National's victory over Team SCS as Rey Hemogenes and Joseph Achas bested the duo of Bob Webb and Toto Bigcas in the deciding Partner's 8-Ball.

Team SCS was able to go toe-to-toe against National with team captain Erwin Gomez and

Bryan Fabre forcing the rubber after beating Achas and Boyet Sequioco.

The WildBoyz made short work of the Wild Wild West, 9-4, in the other match.

There will be no Thursday League games on Nov. 26, Thanksgiving Day. Matches will resume on Dec. 3 with the anticipated match up between co-leaders National and Homeboyz.

The Rack 'N' Roll will also host the WildBoyz, while Team SCS will go up against the Wild Wild West in the other schedule games.

Matches in the Tuesday League tomorrow will have the Jokers Docomo Hustlers colliding with the Jokers Straight-BlackBall, while the Jokers Voyagers take on Jonny's Crazy 8 and the Jonny's Titans battle the Jokers Destroyers in their respective bars on Garapan.

It was actually the second time that Quizon bested Barit as he was also the one who sent the latter to the loser's bracket as part of his four-game winning streak.

Quizon was right on target from his first match against Peter Togawa and also scored wins over K.J. Villagomez and Pam Ybanez to earn the top seeding in the semifinals.

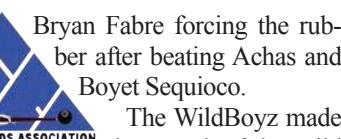
Barit, on the other hand, ended Togawa's bid for a Cinderella finish in their semis match in the loser's bracket to earn a second shot against Quizon.

Togawa downed Jun "Shock'er" Santos, Jose Orosco, Ybanez, and George "Masta G" Sablan to move one win away of arranging a finals match against his opening game tormentor.

Barit foiled his plan but also failed in his bid to win a third weekly crown as he lost to Quizon in the finals. He won the weekly tournament twice on Oct. 7 and Oct. 21.

Quizon went home with \$70 and a trophy, while Barit settled for the \$40 cash prize.

Matsunaga also snapped a



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Members of Team National Alamo Car Rental pose for a group photo after their victory over Jonny's Team SCS in last week's action in the the Saipan Billiards Association-Budweiser Open 8-Ball Thursday League.

Quizon, Matsunaga end droughts in weekly darts, billiards

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Paul "The Flash" Quizon and Ray Matsunaga finally ended their respective title droughts in the weekly darts and billiards tournaments held last week at Jokers Bar & Restaurant in Garapan.

Quizon has not won the weekly title since the tournament started last Sept. 16 but won't be denied this time as he defeated two-time winner Jeff "The Joker" Barit in the darts finals.

He went undefeated in the tournament as he one at a time dispatched Rey Hermogenes, Randy Sablan, Warlee Ellama, and Mariano to clinch the first finals berth.

Matsunaga earned a finals rematch with Matsunaga after

two-month long drought after beating Manny Mariano in the billiards finals. He ruled the first edition of the weekly tournament by beating Sequioco on Sept. 16.

Matsunaga, after that win, has not won the title as he either suffered an early exit or lose in the finals. He almost ended his misfortunes last Oct. 14 but Rodel Dela Cruz thwarted his bid in the finals.

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Mariano earned a finals rematch with Matsunaga after

besting Sablan, Hermogenes, and Ellama in the loser's bracket.

Matsunaga went home with \$40 cash and a trophy, while Mariano pocketed \$20.

In other news, the Saipan Electronic Darts Association is still accepting team sign ups for the eight divisions that will be played for the Bud Light Dart League's new season.

Action in the SEDA-Bud Light League starts on Nov. 30 with the Masters, A, Flame Tree, Fanihi, Tuesday B, Ladies, Chichirika, and Kingfisher division titles at stake.

For more information, call league secretary Ellama at 234-4397 or 285-5967.



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Paul "The Flash" Quizon, third left, is flanked by his opponents in the weekly darts tournament hosted by Jokers Bar & Grill in Garapan.



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Ray Matsunaga, left, and Manny Mariano pose after their finals match in the weekly billiards tournament organized by Pacific Amusement Inc.



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MP United bags co-ed U12 title

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MUnited Football Club made sure there will be no playoff game for the championship in the co-ed U12 division of the 2015 NMIFA Youth Fall League after pulling off a 2-1 win over the persistent Tan Holdings FC last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

Coming into last weekend's crucial match, Tan Holdings FC was hoping to notch a win against MP United to force a tie in the team standings and send the battle for the division title to a deciding game. Tan Holdings then boosted



its bid for a rubber when it led at halftime, 1-0, off Taka Borja's penalty kick in the 25th minute. Borja put Tan Holdings in the board after MP United's Maaya Sato was called for a handball

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Sonics takes last semis seat



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The Sonics' Ryan Esmundo drives and draws a foul on KB Market's Anthony Ilo during their playoff game in the U18 division of the San Antonio caging last Saturday at the San Antonio court.

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 The Sonics completed the semis cast in the U18 division of the 2015 San Antonio Community Action Network Basketball League after defeating KB Market, 65-48, last Saturday night at the San Antonio court. The Sonics joined GMI Market, Judith's Hot Boys,

and Ferrera Builders in the Final Four. The semifinal matches were played last night with the Sonics taking on GMI Market and Judith's Hot Boys and Ferrera colliding in the other pairing and results of neither match were unavailable at press time.

KB Market kissed its semis bid goodbye as it played catch up right from the get-go and never managed to overhaul the

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
MP United's Richard Steele, right, is up against two Tan Holdings defenders during the first half of their co-ed U12 division game in the NMIFA youth fall league last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

'The Crank' sees interesting fight vs Jones

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 Frank "The Crank" Camacho is expecting an interesting fight when he faces Tyrone "Bones" Jones two weeks from now for the vacant Pacific Xtreme Combat lightweight belt in PXC 50 at the University of Guam Calvo Fieldhouse in Mangilao.

Camacho (17-3, 13 knockouts), in an email to *Saipan Tribune*, said he holds Jones (5-4, 3KOs) in high regard after training with him a couple of times at Guam Muay Thai, his opponent's home gym.

"I'm honored to fight a guy like Tyrone Jones. He's from Guam and it is kind of cool to be fighting for the PXC lightweight championship against another local boy," Camacho told the *Saipan Tribune*.

"I know Tyrone Jones really well actually. I've even trained with him a couple of times at

Guam Muay Thai. Outside the cage, he is a modest guy. It's hard to come around [mixed martial arts] fighters like that nowadays," he added.

It will be a clash of different combat styles when the open-



JON PEREZ

Frank "The Crank" Camacho, left, tries to get out of South Korean Jae Woong Kim's take down attempt in this file photo taken in their main event match of Trench Warz 18: Rock & Rumble. Camacho, who defeated Kim, is aiming for another victory when he takes on former sparmate Tyrone "Bones" Jones in next month's Pacific Xtreme Combat 50 at the University of Guam Calvo Fieldhouse.



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